

FIGHT CLUB WEEK 11

PREPARING FOR BEING AN INTENTIONAL, STRATEGIC FATHER

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Disclaimers:

1. I am not an expert, I am a learner. I am sharing my learnings.
2. We will learn from the Bible, experts in the field and wise men who have gone before us.

Introduction

A Word for Single men and Yet-to-Be Fathers

1. Today matters!
2. You are either stepping up or digging deeper

A Word for Empty Nesters and Men with Grown Kids

1. Close the gap
2. Be the patriarch
3. Invest down

Where We Are Culturally

How We Got To Where We Are

1. Our culture sees kids as a nuisance
2. Our culture does not honor fathers
3. Men have completely punted on leadership at home

The Noble Fight Genesis 1 & 2 Foundation and Vision

- Create and cultivate
- Step out of passivity
- Take initiative for the benefit of others

Ephesians 6:1-4 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land. **Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.**"

- Do Not Provoke /Exasperate
- Do Instruct

8 Ways to Provoke / Exasperate

John MacArthur

1. Over-Protection
2. Favortism
3. Pushing for Over-Achievement
4. Discouragement
5. Lack of Sacrifice from the Parents
6. Using Love as a Reward
7. Physical and Verbal Abuse
8. Allowing Your Marriage to Grow Cold

Instruct and Train Your Child

1. Own the mandate of responsibility and spiritual leadership
2. Lead consistently and courageously
3. Lead intentionally and strategically
4. Lean into mentors and coaches

What Others Can Teach Us

Robert Lewis

Early Years 1st Gear **Coach**

Teen Years 2nd Gear **Counselor**

College Years 3rd Gear **Consultant**

Adult Years 4th Gear **Confidant**

Voddie Baucham

Ages 1-3 Give me your attention
Discipline, teach them to mind and listen

Ages 3-12 Give me your mind
Catechism, teach them truth

Ages 12-18 Give me your hand
Discipleship, let them do life with you

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Mark Driscoll

1. Make sure there is a good environment for them to grow
2. Marry a great woman so they will have a great mom
3. Plan and prepare for their education
4. Make their spiritual growth your top priority
5. Plant them in a great church home

Types of Dads:

1. Absent Dad
2. Distant Dad
3. Drill Sergeant Dad
4. Involved Dad
5. Strategic, Intentional Dad

What I need for you

1. A hungry to learn, humble, teachable spirit
2. The willingness to pursue other men to process our discussions
3. Consistency
4. Broadcast this to other men

Fall 2010

Fight Club Schedule

October 12 – Introduction to Strategic, Intentional Parenting

October 19 – Raising Sons

October 26 – Raising Daughters

November 2 – Reverse Engineering, Executing and Celebrating

Small Group Questions

1. What was your biggest take away from today?
2. Where and how do you see the problems facing men, fatherhood and the effects of poor fatherhood in our culture?
3. What do you feel it should look like to “train up” and “bring up” the children entrusted to us?
4. What do you feel like are the barriers to being a strategic, intentional father?

All lessons and notes

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