

Introduction:

Text: James 1:19-25; Ephesians 5:25-33; 6:1-4

1. In James 1:19-25
 - a. What is the Problem ?
 - b. What is the Promise ?
2. From Ephesians 5:25-33 and 6:1-4, I propose that the role of a father is:
 - a. To love his wife and
 - b. To lead his children
 - c. The question is: How to love your wife and how to lead your children?

A. How to love your wife (Ephesians 5:25-33)?

1. Love your wife as your first priority (v. 25)
2. Love your wife sacrificially (v. 25)
3. Love your wife purposefully (v. 26-30)
4. Love your wife loyally (v. 31)
5. The two sides of a successful marriage and a successful family: love and respect (v. 33)
6. Reflections:

B. How to Lead Your Children (Ephesians 6:1-4)

1. Lead them gently (v. 4a)
2. Lead them wisely (v. 4)
3. Lead them heavenward (v. 4; Acts 16:29-34)
4. Reflections:

Conclusion:

1. The Highest Success in Life. by President Theodore Roosevelt
2. A Father's Prayer of Enlightenment. by John Ellis
3. Build Me a Son. A Prayer of Gen. Douglas MacArthur

1. What do you remember best from last Sunday's sermon that you want to share in this group?
2. In James 1:19-25 what is the problem (v.19-24), and what is the promise (v.25). Discuss and apply the problem and the promise.
3. Based on Eph. 5:25-33, and 6:4, the twofold role of a Father is "to love his wife, and to lead his children."
 - a. Review and discuss "How to love your wife" from last Sunday's sermon.
 - b. Share your testimonies or stories about how you show your love to your wife, or how your wife shows her love to you as her husband?
 - c. Pray for guidance in any marital or family issues you maybe facing, but be careful about sensitive issues.
4. Based on Eph. 6:4 and Acts 16:29-34, discuss and apply what not to do, and what to do in leading your children or family heavenward. Pray for the salvation or restoration of any of your household members that may need prayer.

PRAY!