

The Role of A Godly Father – Foundations -Part 1

1. We are created in the image of God.

Genesis 1:26-28 "26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

2. Our identity is in Jesus Christ. It's not in our job, ethnic group, title, position or perception other people may have of us. Identity - the distinguishing character or personality of an individual. (Merriam-Webster Dictionary) Identity is the qualities, beliefs, personality, looks and/or expressions that make a person or group (From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

Philippians 3:20 " For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,'

3. We are called to be servant leaders in our home. As a man we wear many different hats and function in various roles; i.e. sons, husbands, fathers, grandfathers, uncles, nephews cousins, in-laws, etc. We are to be Godly examples so others can see the Christ in us. It is our responsibility to protect our family and loved ones from hurt, harm and danger. In order to do this, we must be aware ourselves of the strategies and attacks of the devil.

Genesis 3:1-6 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' "

⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was ^[a]pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷

4. In the scripture we just read, who is at fault for eating from the tree in the midst of the garden? (Tree of the knowledge of good and evil) Was it Adam or Eve or both of them?

Genesis 2:15-17” Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you[f] shall surely die.”

5. I realize not every man is a father who attends our Men’s Bible Study; however, this first session lays a foundation for all men who are disciples of Jesus Christ. In order to be a Godly Father, you must be a Godly man. In Part 2 of this series we will specifically focus on the role of a Godly father. We all have had fathers or a father type figure in our life.

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