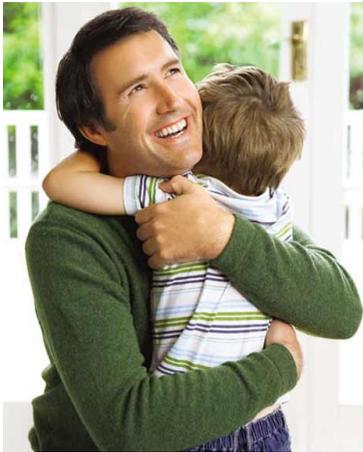


And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon
Little boy blue and the man on the moon
When you comin' home son?
I don't know when, but we'll get together then son
You know we'll have a good time then

I've long since retired, my son's moved away
I called him up just the other day
I said, "I'd like to see you if you don't mind"
He said, "I'd love to, Dad, if I can find the time
You see my new job's a hassle and kids have the flu
But it's sure nice talking to you, Dad
It's been sure nice talking to you"

And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me
He'd grown up just like me
My boy was just like me

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The following lyrics are secular but pack a punch. Ready dads?

My child arrived just the other day
He came to the world in the usual way
But there were planes to catch and bills to pay
He learned to walk while I was away
And he was talkin' 'fore I knew it, and as he grew
He'd say "I'm gonna be like you dad
You know I'm gonna be like you"

And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon
Little boy blue and the man on the moon
When you comin' home dad?
I don't know when, but we'll get together then son
You know we'll have a good time then

My son turned ten just the other day
He said, "Thanks for the ball, Dad, come on let's play
Can you teach me to bowl", I said "Not today
I got a lot to do", he said, "That's ok"
And he walked away but his smile never dimmed
And said, "I'm gonna be like him, yeah
You know I'm gonna be like him"

And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon
Little boy blue and the man on the moon
When you comin' home son?
I don't know when, but we'll get together then son
You know we'll have a good time then

Well, he came home from uni just the other day
So much like a man I just had to say
"Son, I'm proud of you, can you sit for a while?"
He shook his head and said with a smile
"What I'd really like, Dad, is to borrow the car keys
See you later, can I have them please?"





Our Home Spiritual Leadership

We can make 3 Biblical statements regarding our roles as men :

1. Leadership requires _____,

Ephesians 5:22-25, 28-29, 31, 33, 6:4

Wives:

◆ Loving her

(1 Corinthians 13:4-8) "Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; {5} does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; {6} does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; {7} bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. {8} Love never fails."

◆ Nourishing her

(1 Peter 3:7) "Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered."

◆ Cherishing her

◆ Cleaving to her

Children:

◆ Not provoking them

◆ Disciplining them

(Hebrews 12:6-11) "For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." {7} If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? {8} But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. {9} Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? {10} For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. {11} Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit



of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."

(Proverbs 13:24) "He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly."

(Proverbs 22:15) "Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him."

(Proverbs 23:13) "Do not withhold correction from a child, For if you beat him with a rod, he will not die."

(Proverbs 23:14) "You shall beat him with a rod, And deliver his soul from hell."

◆ Instructing them

(Deuteronomy 6:5-7) ""You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. {6} "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

{7} "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."



2. _____ requires a _____ with _____,

(John 15:4-5) ""Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. {5} "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

(Hebrews 11:6) "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, ..."

(Philippians 4:13) "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

(1 Corinthians 15:10) "... I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."

(Galatians 2:20) ""I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

(2 Corinthians 4:10) "always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body."

(Matthew 11:28-30) ""Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. {29} "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. {30} "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.""

3. A _____ with _____ requires time, Ephesians 5:15-21

(Romans 13:11) "And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed."

