# Men's Breakfast

## The Christian Man - Leading His Home

#### Intro:

Who is our ultimate example of masculinity? 1 Cor. 11:1 "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ". Our Savior and His gritty resolve to save sinners. Luke 9:51, Luke 13:33. His manhunt... who was He seeking? What was His mission? Romans 5: 7-8 Jesus, the bravest and most masculine man that walked the face of the planet.

## 1, The Christian man leads in his home by knowing, loving and looking to Christ, our King.

Remember the fundamentals- Never take your eyes off of Christ. Hebrews 12:1-2
-Who is really in charge of this home? Who is on the throne? 1 Timothy 1:17, Lamentations 5:19
What and who does the Christian man love the most? Who does the Christian man take his marching orders from? Who does He seek to glorify? Matthew 22:37-38
What drives the Christian man... what are his passions? Romans 11:33-36
How do we glorify God and enjoy Him in the home? Read, pray, worship, work, eat, play... everything!
Be purposeful in leading in worship... creative, fun challenging, brief- create new leaders.

## 2. A Christian man leads in his home by being a servant to others.

The King of kings being a servant. Matthew 20:28, John 13:1-17

Nitty gritty- What's your wife's most menial/ least favorite job?

Work hard, honor, encourage and thank your family- do you treat your coworkers nicer? Rom. 15:2-3

### 3. A Christian man leads in his home by loving his wife.

Ephesians 5:25-33.

Coach Wooden: "The greatest gift you can give your children is to love their mom".

"He who loves his wife loves himself."

Challenge: How can you love your wife more?

## 4. A Christian man leads in his home by disciplining and instructing his kids. Ephes. 6:4

Provoking children to anger... how much have you blown it and how much have you been forgiven? **Discipline...** who is called to lead in disciplining the kids? What's the goal?

Forgive your kids... Matthew 18:21-35 Note- parable of unmerciful servant.

Unity in parenting- what do you do if you aren't united?

Passivity in discipline- Proverbs 3:11-12, 5:23

#### Instruction...

Duet. 11:19- Being present... working together, playing together... walking by the way together.

Dad's teaching kids to love wisdom and fear the Lord. Proverbs 1:7-8

Dad's teach your children to work... Proverbs 14:23, Col. 3:23

Combining discipline and instruction... teeing up the Gospel! Glorifying the Savior!



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## 5. A Christian man leads his family by acting like a Christian.

#### What are some marks of a Christian?

Be a Psalm 32 man.. be a man who confesses and repents... 100% wrong. Please forgive me. That was a sin against God and against you. I need Jesus so very much! Dad needs Him, you need Him there is no other hope for your people like us except through Jesus.

Growing in holiness: 1 Peter 1:14-16, 1 Timothy 6:11-12. Are you in the fight of faith?

## 6. A Christian man leads his family by responding to failure Biblically.

Failure can lead to hopelessness... and hopelessness can be crippling.

"The greatest of all enemies is hopelessness... hopelessness comes from taking eyes off of the God you know or not knowing the God you should"- Paul Washer. Abound in hope... Romans 15:13 Is it ever too late to repent and turn to Christ?

Is. 55 6-7 Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For the righteous falls seven times and rises again, but the wicked stumble in times of calamity. Pr. 24:16 Psalm 145: "The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

## Conclusion/ Application:

What would happen if this group of guys resolved, with God's help, to lead the way we are called to lead? What would our marriages, families, our church and our community look like?

We need God's help! Our prayer: "Lord, help me to serve and love my wife and kids the way you tell me to. Lord, help me to instruct and discipline like you want me to. Lord, help me to be more like Christ."

Do you think that the Lord will help desperately/ needy people like us? Psalm 34:17.

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" John 10:10

Michael Card, "there's a wonder and wildness in life and a freedom for those who obey"

