

The Leading Role of a Father

1Thessalonians 2:10-12

Men are the Leaders of the Family

- This is by design (Eph 5:22, 1 Tim 2:13, Gen 2:20-22, Gen 3:16)
- Paul speaking of spiritual leadership - highlighting paternal leadership role.

Live with Integrity

- 1Thess 2:10
- Devoutly: in a holy manner
- Justly: being upright and living righteously
- Blamelessly: above reproach in all manner
- To put in into one word they lived with integrity
- 1Corth 11:1

Exhort, Comfort and Charge - 1Thess 2:11

- Exhort – Greek is parakaleo' lit means to call alongside or to call to a person
- Fathers are not to lead from a distance without engagement but come alongside their children
- This word parakaleo'(exhort) is related to the noun parakle'tos which means one who comes along side & this word parakle'tos is one of the titles for the HS (John 14:16-17, 26, 15:26)
- John 14:26, John 16:13, Rom 8:15-16 Father are to exhort their children
- Comfort – encourage in the sense of comfort
- John 11:19 & 31
- Tenderness & restorative compassion - beautiful expression of fatherly kindness
- 2Cor 1:3-4, Matt 5:4, Rom 8:31-39, John 10:28-29
- 3) Charge –carries the idea of sternly warning
- Proverbs is full of this particularly at the 1st several chapters where it is written as a father to a son
- Prov 1:8, Prov 4:20
- Discipline is an important part of a fathers job
- Prov 3:12, Heb 12:6, Heb 12:7
- Eph 6:1

Leading by Example

- Fathers are to lead by example & set the standard of integrity in their family (Deut 4:9, Prov 13:24, Eph 6:4, Col 3:21, Heb 12:9)
- 1Tim 3:4

