

Building a Godly Man
Lesson 2 – Fathers, Mothers and Sons
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Introduction: Parents must be watchful and develop discernment in this generation.

- A. God's word is a bulwark *in every generation*. **(Ps 119:97-105)**
1. Our challenge is to *discern and apply God's truths* to the present deceptions. I am amazed at how blind parents can be! **(Heb 5:14)**
 2. Technology including the internet and the smartphone has brought new challenges that *we have not experienced before*.
 3. Past walls that have kept influences away from the home *have been breached*.
- B. Even we are caught off guard and stumble we can pray for wisdom to get back up and stand. We *cannot be indifferent* and depend on others! **(Ps 119:67-68)**
1. We will consider the discernments and the decisions parents need to make specifically to *raising a son*. Please be willing to ask for help!
 2. This takes *two dedicated Christians* who are willing to learn and to stand!

I. We want our sons to become leaders in serving others

- A. Men are *slower* to develop and learn about relationships.
1. The natural strengths of boys push them towards *achievement and competition*.
 2. Learning how to *understand others and develop relationships* is something that they must develop later. Here is where wise parenting needs to focus.
(Mk 10:42-45; Prov 5:1-5, 20-23)
- B. Boys can easily be caught up in what I call a *"digital dungeon."* **(2 Pt 2:19)**
1. Relationships *are complex and often disappointing*. Computer games are predictable, stimulating and emotionally rewarding. Porn is a major issue.
(Eph 4:17-19)
 2. Parents must be watchful and wise to lead their child *to face and learn the more difficult lessons of life*. **(Deut 4:9-10)**
 3. Instant gratification in an imaginary digital world *ill prepares our sons for the real world*. Ordinary conversation is impacted by the digital world.
 4. Your sons future will be determined by his ability to discern *in forming and keeping the right kind of relationships*. **(Prov 13:20-21)**
- C. Parents *must be committed* to being personally involved with every aspect of their sons' life.
1. This involves a full commitment of the heart and mind. **(Deut 6:4-9)**
 2. When you take on the raising of children you are taking on *a very hard task*. God will help the humble, dedicated child of God.
 3. Both before and after marriage there needs to be wise decisions about money. Mom needs to be able to *comfortably do the full-time job* of being a mother!
(Titus 2:4-5; Prov 31:10-15)
 4. If the parents can set a good example of the skills of managing relationships then children can more easily learn these skills! *Have a good marriage!*
(1 Pt 3:7)

II. What are we feeding our sons?

- A. Our children naturally want to respect and follow us. What are they seeing and hearing? They know when you really mean it! **(Josh 4:5-6)**
1. Godly parents are always looking for opportunities to teach!
 2. What are they seeing in movies, music, video games in our homes? What about the homes of others?
 3. It is crucial to have your children trust you and want to talk to you!
- B. We can guide our children in their friendships. **(Prov 13:19-20; Ps 119:74)**
1. It is best to be close to Christians with children that yours can be with!
 2. It is important to be around the friends of your children!
 3. We can be caught off-guard even when we do our best. Be alert and do not be overconfident! (Ex. Boy raised by his “uncle” and then discovered “uncles.”)
 4. We also can guide children in their role models!
- C. We must know what is being taught in the classroom.
1. What was once a place where we could comfortably place our children has now become a potential serious danger. What if we are not aware? **(2 Pt 2:1-2)**
 2. We often found our children had been exposed to indoctrination concerning the homosexual agenda. Fortunately, we often talked about it.
 3. Schools can now hide crucial information from parents. They can guide and distribute materials that promote open immorality.
 4. There is a real agenda pushed by the federal government that we need to be aware of.
- D. Boys need to be developed to be a male that is to learn to be a man. **(1 Chron 22:11-13)**
1. One of the greatest evils I have seen is the gender-choice deception.
 2. If a boy does not feel like he belongs with boys this is a major issue. Boys need to achieve success and have a strong purpose of being a man.
 3. It is important that boys learn how to work with and to achieve goals with other boys. Sports can play a significant role here.
 4. Unlike girls, boys first are attached to their mothers but then must make a transition later to be very close to their fathers.

III. Some suggestions to strengthen our homes

- A. Make justice and mercy a major element in all of your relationships. **(Hos 12:6)**
1. We should often teach our children about this aspect of God's nature! **(Hos 2:19-20)**
 2. Our tongues will reflect the grace that is in our hearts. **(James 4:6, 8-10)**
 3. What if our tongues are filled with anger, grudges and unfair judgements of others? We can make our children a “child of hell.” **(Mt 23:23; 15)**
- B. Make attending all church services a real commitment. **(Heb 10:23-25; Mt 6:33)**
1. When real worship is taught and praised then your children can also learn!
 2. When other things come first then another lesson is taught. Great lessons can be taught in sports teams when church services come first!