No More Excuses

July 15, 2023

Read Chapter 11 – *No More Passive Fathering*

1. Why do fathers in general claim busyness or being tired, etc. as reasons not to invest in their children? What is at the root of such negligence?
2. Why is fatherhood “the most critical role in the family”? Discuss it in relation to Ephesians 6:1-4.

What does “in the Lord” mean and how do we do it?

1. What is the assignment of fathers? Discuss what Deuteronomy 6:5-9 has to say about the role of fathers.
2. Why is a nation’s destiny tied to the quality of spiritual instruction in the home?

How are we seeing the void of spiritual instruction in the home in our culture today?

1. What does it mean to exasperate your children? What are ways we do that?
2. Discuss what it means to discipline and instruct your children. (No quoting Dr. Spock.)
3. Read I Samuel 2-4. What lessons about fathering (good and bad) do we learn from how Eli raised his two sons?
4. What is missing in “well-intentioned parenting” today?
5. What does loving discipline look like? See Hebrews 12:6.
6. How can we discipline in a way that does not push a child away from God but move them closer to God?

In our discipline of children, how do we get them to love God and His Word more?

1. What lessons have you learned along the way about parenting that has helped you navigate the challenges of this role?
2. Whether our children are still at home or moved on, how can we build a legacy of spiritual instruction in the home?
3. What are ways we can encourage fathers whose children may not be living for the Lord?
4. How can passages like Proverbs 3:5-6 and Romans 12:1-2 encourage us in our spiritual instruction of our children?
5. How has this chapter encouraged you to be the spiritual head in your home?

Next month – *No More Playing the Lone Ranger* – August 19, 2023