

7. Family members have common \_\_\_\_\_ and interests.
8. Family members demonstrate \_\_\_\_\_ with one another.
9. Family members admit and \_\_\_\_\_ with problems.
10. In a healthy family, the husband and wife have a firm, \_\_\_\_\_ in raising their children.

*THE FUTURE OF THE AMERICAN FAMILY, GEORGE BARR*

## Being a Great Dad Demands Courage, Faith and Humility

- Courage to \_\_\_\_\_ for the family
- Faith to \_\_\_\_\_ God with your children
- Humility to \_\_\_\_\_ and serve

## Being a Great Dad Means You Personally Know the Father in Heaven

Many people believe they are Christians because they were born in a Christian culture, go to church regularly, try to do their best, or live a good life. However, the Bible teaches that these things cannot make you a Christian. You become a Christian by simply taking these two steps:

- Acknowledge that you (along with all people) have sinned and fallen short of God's standards. ROMANS 3:23
- Personally believe that Jesus Christ, who was God in human flesh, died for your sins on the cross and rose again. I CORINTHIANS 15:3, 4

You may express your belief through prayer, asking Jesus to come into your life, and receiving Him as God's gift to you.

JOHN 1:12, ROMANS 6:23, REVELATION 3:20

*"For it is by grace you have been saved through faith ...it is the gift of God; not by works, so that no one can boast."*

EPHESIANS 2:8, 9 (NIV)

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Sermon Notes

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## Following God as Father

*Sons are a heritage from the LORD,  
children a reward from him.  
Like arrows in the hands of a warrior  
are sons born in one's youth.  
Blessed is the man  
whose quiver is full of them.  
They will not be put to shame  
when they contend with their enemies in the gate.*

PSALM 127:3-5 (NIV)

## The Challenge: Being Dad

*God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."*

GENESIS 1:28 (NIV)

## Being a Great Dad Includes Being a Great Husband

- Seek Understanding

*Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.*

1 PETER 3:7 (ESV)

### Summer Reading

*His Needs, Her Needs*, Willard F. Harley Jr., Revell Publishing  
*Loving Your Wife*, Jack & Cynthia Heald, NavPress  
*Sacred Marriage*, Gary Thomas, Zondervan

### SECURITY

Have you told her lately, "I love you."?  
 Are you being honest with her?  
 Did you tell her the truth?  
 Are you making her financially secure?

### SIGNIFICANCE

Did you offer her any words of praise today?  
 Have you told her how important she is to you?  
 Did you ask for her opinion on a purchase, decision or a new direction you are contemplating?

### CONVERSATION

Did you ask her what she's thinking and feeling today?  
 Have you had a date lately... alone... just to talk and unwind together?  
 When is your next out-of-town getaway to play, plan and problem-solve?

### AFFECTION

Did you hug and kiss her today?  
 How about a call out of the blue to say, "I'm thinking of you."?  
 What about surprising her with flowers?  
 How about a big surprise to honor her this year? A big gift?

- Serve as the Savior did...

*Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the church—a love marked by giving, not getting. Christ's love makes the church whole. His words evoke her beauty. Everything he does and says is designed to bring the best out of her, dressing her in dazzling white silk, radiant with holiness. And that is how husbands ought to love their wives. They're really doing themselves a favor—since they're already "one" in marriage.*      EPHESIANS 5:25-27 (THE MESSAGE)

A great dad knows his wife's key \_\_\_\_\_ and is actively engaged in meeting them.

A great dad know his wife's \_\_\_\_\_ and wisely adjusts to it.

A great dad know his wife's \_\_\_\_\_ and speaks to it often.

### Five Love Languages by Gary Chapman

1. Words of Affirmation
2. Quality Time
3. Receiving Gifts
4. Acts of Service
5. Physical Touch

## Being a Great Dad Means Encouraging a Healthy Family

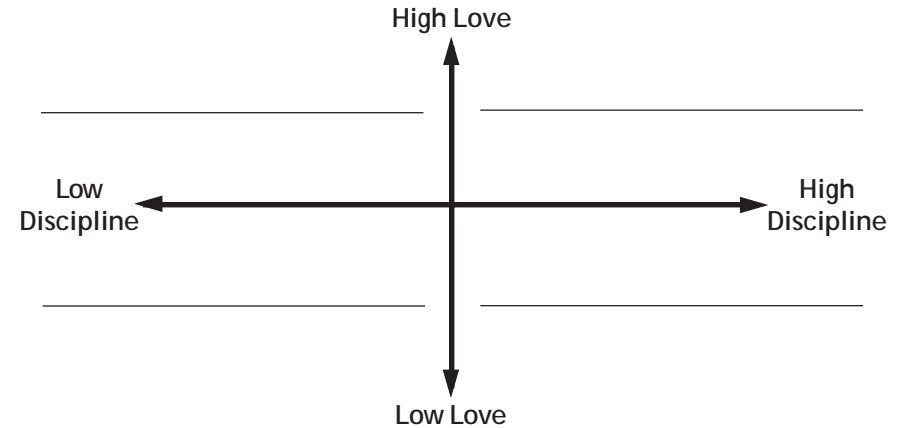
*Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*

EPHESIANS 6:4 (NIV)

*Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.*

COLOSSIANS 3:21 (NIV)

## Mixing Love and Discipline



## 10 Things to Look for...

1. A healthy family is characterized by strong, supportive and honest \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Family members spend a large quantity of \_\_\_\_\_ together.
3. Family members share a common \_\_\_\_\_ and practice it.
4. Family members agree on key \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Family members practice \_\_\_\_\_ and mutual \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Family members sacrifice for the \_\_\_\_\_ of one another.