



The Kind of Man Every Home Needs

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Many homes in America appear to be dysfunctional. The homes in America are under attack. The usual cause of a family becoming dysfunctional is disobedience to God's Word. Most dysfunction does not occur overnight but is process of neglect. When it comes to what the home needs, there are many different opinions floating around. Certainly, society has taught us differently as to the needs of the family.

Scott Harris, pastor of Grace Bible Church, NY said:

Fatherhood. It is a concept that is quickly being lost in our society. We are all aware of the increasing number of single mother families. The statistics for 1999 released this past April 17 showed that 33% – 1/3 – of all births in the U.S. that year were to unwed mothers. In some segments of the population the rate was as high as 69.1%. Where is dad?

I watch very little television, but I do read the reviews of what is going on in Television. Let me ask you, “How many prime time shows present a traditional nuclear family?” Almost none. The American family is becoming a fractured unit. Even within families that have a father and mother present, it is often a fractured family structure of Mom/step-dad or dad/step-mom. Children can be quickly confused at who is who, and the same is true for the parents. Exactly what is their role? Add to this confusion the influence of modern Psychologists and feminism whose ideas have radically changed the typical American home and the way our children have been raised.¹

¹ Scott L. Harris. “A Father's Responsibility,” May 20, 2001, https://gracebibleny.org/a_fathers_responsibility (accessed July 19, 2017).

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COURAGE

C1: Describe what dysfunctional means to you. What does dysfunction look like in a home?

C2: Describe your home growing up. Was dysfunction in your home? What did the dysfunction look like?

C3: What are your memories of your dad? What type of memories are you creating?

STRENGTH

S1: Today, strong men are needed in the home. Men who understand the daily need for God's presence. Read and answer the following.

Genesis 18:17–19 (ESV)

Genesis 12:1–4 (ESV)

- From these verses, what are two things every home most needs their dad to do?
- On a scale of 1-4 with 1 being very well and 4 being not very well, rate yourself at how well you listen to God and obey Him. Write out a plan to improve.

S2: God is still talking to dads who will honor and listen to Him. Read and answer the following.

Genesis 13:14–18 (ESV)

- From these verses, what type of man does God desire in the home?
- On a scale of 1-4 with 1 being very well and 4 being not very well, rate yourself on how well you follow God's leadership. Write out a plan to improve.

S3: America has too many men who do what they feel is right. Read and answer the following.

Genesis 18:17–19 (ESV)

Psalms 119:9–11 (ESV)

Psalms 119:15–16 (ESV)

- From these verses, what does every home need a dad to be?

- On a scale of 1-4 with 1 being very well and 4 being not very well, rate yourself in how well you know your convictions and how strong they are. Write out a plan to improve and strengthen your convictions.

ENDURANCE

E1: Many dads will say, “My family won’t listen to me,” or, “There is nothing else I can do.” Read and answer the following.

Genesis 14:14–16 (ESV)

Genesis 18:19 (ESV)

- From these verses, what are three things you can glean about Abraham the man?

- Write down 4-6 things in which you will direct your family.

E2: The Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845 in the First Baptist Church of Augusta, GA. As a tribute to the faith of its founding fathers, a plaque was placed in the building which read: Men who see the invisible – who hear the inaudible – who believe the incredible – and think the unthinkable. Read and answer the following.

Romans 4:20–21 (ESV)

Genesis 21:1–3 (ESV)

- From these verses, what are three characteristics of a man of faith?

- Write down what God is asking you to believe for in your home. Will you commit to wait until the promise is fulfilled and keep believing?

E3: Every home needs a man full of the Holy Spirit. With the power of the Spirit comes:

- A greater burden for the lost.
- A boldness for your personal life
- Enhanced sensitivity to sin and error
- Deeper awareness of God's presence and love.

On a scale of 1-4 with 1 being totally full of the Holy Spirit and 4 being not very full of the Holy Spirit, rate yourself on how full you are with the Holy Spirit. Write out a plan to maintain a life of total fullness of the Holy Spirit.