

## **The Prized Role of the Christian Father**

*Men, keep your spiritual 'testosterone' levels high*

- I.** Fatherhood is the male role in the family.
  1. Although much besmirched by the world system, Scripture defines both the male and fatherhood.
  2. God the Father is the ultimate role model.
  3. There are many red flags to fatherhood:
    - 1) Compromising Scriptural values.
    - 2) Shying away from moral controversy.
    - 3) Trying to 'just get along'.
- II.** Men are men: **XY** chromosome—7-8 times more testosterone.
  1. Real fatherhood is preceded by marriage (Gen. 2:24; Mt. 19:4-5; Eph. 5:31).
  2. Real fatherhood assumes the responsibility for the family's spiritual wellbeing (Eph. 5:23-25).
    - 1) By setting an example in spiritual values.
    - 2) By enforcement of rules (Prov. 13:24).
      - i. Rules, and thus discipline, are the result of love (Heb. 12:6).
      - ii. Limits are the result of true fatherhood (Heb. 12:7-8).
      - iii. Rules are to be designed to produce correct behavior (Heb. 12:11)
      - iv. Enforcement of rules must never be sadistic or out of proportion to the infraction (Eph. 6:4).
      - v. Discipline includes both encouragement and rebuke.
- III.** Fathers must be aware of the contrasting world values (2 Tim. 3:1-).
  1. The attitudes of the world system is contrary to God's values.
  2. NEVER, NEVER compromise! a sign of 'spiritual low T').
  3. Get away from these people and their values (v. 5).
  4. Accept and appreciate the persecution that will come from the world system (2 Tim. 3:12)
    - 1) You are 'different'.
    - 2) You are 'swimming upstream' to society's 'norms'.
    - 3) You are appreciated by the Father (Phil. 2:13).