What I Want To Teach My Sons

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INTRODUCTION

- Regardless of how wicked our society comes, we as parents have the major influence in the shaping of our children's lives.
- We as parents have the Word of God as an infallible guide.
- If we look at the cross we find the lesson we must teach in Hebrews five eight and nine Though he were a son yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered.

1 Work Is Honorable

Ephesians 4:28; 1 Timothy 5:8; Ecclesiastes 9:10

- God expects every man to be the breadwinner for his home.
- A good man is unselfish with the fruits of his labor.
- If any provide not for his own, especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel.
- I want my sons to give their very best on any job they take.

2 Service to the Lord Must Be First

Matthew 6:33; 2 Timothy 1:6–7

- Service to the Lord must be first in our sons' lives. While work is important, it is not first.
- But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.
- Tell the boss I am a Christian and I must be at worship. Gain a promise from him and hold him to it.
- Putting the Lord first means learning self-control.

3 The Responsibility of Headship and Leadership

Ephesians 5:25

- God has given the man the responsibility of headship. This is a great responsibility.
- This means I must do things that I do not want to. This means that I put others first.
- What true headship involves, an acceptance of responsibility, not indecisive, vacillating, but firm.
- True leadership finds fulfillment in providing what is good for the family.
- Real leadership involves standing for what is right, even when you must stand alone.
- Our sons must have good judgment, the value of kindness, courtesy, and gratitude. In short, how to be a gentleman.

4 As Useful as Possible in the Lord's Service

1 Corinthians 11:1

- To be as useful as possible in the Lord's service. There is such a need for workers in the kingdom.
- I want them to take their talents as far as possible. This will require faith and willingness to try and learn.
- Be ye followers of me even as I also am of Christ.
- The best thing parents can spend on their children is time, not money.

5 True Success Is Doing the Will of God

Matthew 7:24–27

- I want my boys to understand that true success is found in doing the will of God.
- Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man which built his house upon a rock.
- The most important decision is whether or not to serve the Lord and seek eternal life.
- Be baptized for the remission of your sins and arise a new creature, putting away all corruption, and live in compliance of God's word all the days of your life.

THE CHALLENGE

There's any that would like to obey the gospel call at the kind you come forward as we stand and sing.

MY NOTES