

DISCIPLE-MAKING DADS

--1 Thessalonians 2:10-12--

INTRODUCTION:

Fathers, I want you to think about the love that you have for your children, and I want you to that love you have comes with a responsibility. God has entrusted your children into your care and as their father you have a responsibility to make them disciples of Jesus. As we honor our fathers this morning, I want to encourage the fathers here to become disciple-making dads. Though I am addressing fathers this morning, these truths can be used by all of to make disciples of those people God has placed in our lives.

- I. TRUTH #1 – BE A GOOD EXAMPLE (1 Thessalonians 2:10)
 - a. The first thing that we are to be as a disciple-making dad is a good _____.
 - b. Paul goes on in verse 10 to tell his readers in what _____ they were good examples. (Philippians 3:4-11)
 - c. The first truth to being a _____-making dad is to be a good example.

- II. TRUTH #2 – CARE FOR YOUR CHILDREN (1 Thessalonians 2:11-12a)
 - a. The second truth in being a disciple-making dad is to _____ for your children.
 - b. The secret to disciple-making is spending time and then taking every opportunity during that time to _____ them Jesus.

- III. TRUTH #3 – ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN (1 Thessalonians 2:12)
 - a. In verse 12 Paul lists three _____ that a father is to practice as he deals with his children.
 - b. Truth three this morning is that disciple-making dads need to be _____.
 - c. This is part of that being _____ and approachable to our children.

- IV. TRUTH #4 – COMFORT YOUR CHILDREN (1 Thessalonians 2:12)

- a. The fourth truth is that disciple-making dads need to be _____.
- b. Comforting can also include _____ with your child that you have off days as well and how God helps you through them.

- V. TRUTH #5 – URGE YOUR CHILDREN ON (1 Thessalonians 2:12)

- a. Finally, disciple-making dads need to _____ our children on.
- b. As disciple-making dads our greatest desire should be to have sons and daughters that are completely _____ out to God.

CONCLUSION:

This message was to encourage you who are fathers to be disciple-making dads to your children. In this passage we discovered five truths that each father can use in being a disciple-maker. But these truths are not just for fathers, anyone can use them to be a disciple-maker.

First, we must be a good example. Second, we must care for our disciples. Third, we need to encourage our disciples. Forth, we need to be comforting dads. Fifth and finally, we need to be dads who urge our children to live lives worthy of God. This is our responsibility as fathers, we are to be disciple-making dads.