



Boys to Men: Raising Sons for the Glory of God Session #1

A. INTRODUCTION

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"I believe that Christian parents and children, Christian families, have a unique opportunity of witnessing to the world at this present time by just being different. We can be true evangelists by showing this discipline, this law and order, this true relationship between parents and children. We may be the means under God's hand of bringing many to a knowledge of the truth."

B. BOYS TO MEN: A BIBLICAL WARRANT

Ephesians 6:1-4

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

• **The Book of Proverbs**

- Parenting involves:
 - Training, preparing and equipping
 - Being proactive, intentional, directional

C. BOYS TO MEN: THE GOAL?

1. The Goal of Parenting?

Grant Layman

"The goal of our parenting is to raise children who become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ and are committed to serving within the context of the local church."

2. The Goal of Raising Boys?

- 1 Kings 2:1-9

D. THE CHARACTER OF MANHOOD

- Obedience

1. Know God
2. Love God
3. Fear God
4. Trust God
5. Serve God

E. THE CONTEXT OF MANHOOD

- Raising boys to be men who are: **Leaders**, **Providers** and **Protectors**.
- Raising boys with the expectation of them being **husbands** and **fathers**.

F. THE CULTIVATION OF MANHOOD

1. Vision
2. Direction
3. Instruction
4. Demonstration
5. Affirmation
6. Evaluation & Correction