

Point Man – Week 5

*How a Man Can Lead His Family
From the book by Steve Farrar*

Read: Chapter 6 – Aerobic Kneeling

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 - Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Romans 12:11-13 - Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Questions for discussion:

1. What's the purpose of our prayer life? To get things? To get our friends and family well when they're sick? Or is it to get to know the CEO of the universe? To know His heart and His will in our lives?
2. Who and what should we pray for? Should we maintain a prayer list and organize it like Steve Farrar suggests? (Ge 25:21)
3. Have you ever tried planning a personal time of prayer? Did you keep it up? What does it take to be more diligent in our prayer life? (Mk 1:35, Lk 5:16)
4. What are good topics for public prayer? Do our kids ever hear us praying for them? Do they hear us lifting up to God our desire for wisdom in a big decision, or our desire to reach a particular neighbor or co-worker with the message of Christ?
5. Why should we pray more specifically rather than generally? (Ps 72)

"Our Bibles our gathering dust, and our prayer lives consist of mumbled petitions before dinner."

"Instead of saying 'Lord, bless my children today,' say 'Lord, give each of my children wisdom today to stand for what is right instead of giving into peer pressure.'"