

Point Man – Week 7

How a Man Can Lead His Family

From the book by Steve Farrar

Read: Chapter 8 – The Birth of a Tangent

Psalm 127:3-5 - Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.

Matthew 6:30-34 - If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Questions for discussion:

1. Having children is certainly not a Biblical requirement of Christians. While it's definitely looked favorably upon in the Word, our culture doesn't emphasize the benefits of having children. What are some of the benefits? (1 Timothy 5:4)
2. What do you think are the reasons our society has grown accustomed to the idea that having two incomes, 1.75 kids, and a Hummer in the garage is "normal?"
3. One of the principle motivations for many couples who decide not to have kids (or to have very few of them) is acknowledged to be selfishness. Child-rearing takes time, money, and commitment.
4. Can Christians be advocates of larger families without being judgmental of those with smaller ones?
5. When is adoption worth considering? Should it always be a last resort? (Psalm 68:5, James 1:27)

"Christian homes are the salt of the earth. But if we stop producing salt, what will happen to our influence?"

"You may indeed have to lower your standard of living—in fact, you probably will—but I guarantee that your quality of life will go up dramatically."