



Session 9

Dad's Game Plan for Raising Sons and Daughters

I. Are Kids Worth It?

- a. The qualms
 - i. Money
 - ii. Time and effort
 - iii. Selfishness
 - iv. Culture
- b. The facts
 - i. The vast majority of parents say they have no regrets in having children.
 - ii. Most parents contend that having children strengthened their marriage.
 - iii. Most parents say that having children increased their enjoyment of life.
 - iv. An overwhelming majority of parents say watching children grow up is life's greatest pleasure.
- c. The scripture

Psalm 127:3-5 - "Behold, children are a gift from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them; They will not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate."
- d. The challenge: Knowing what to do as a dad. "Be a pro-active dad."

II. Five Types of Dads

- a. The Absent dad
- b. The Distant dad
- c. The Demanding dad
- d. The Involved but Visionless dad
- e. The Involved and Proactive dad
 - 1. As encouraged by the Old Testament
Proverbs 22:6 – "Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it."
 - 2. As encouraged by the New Testament
Ephesians 6:4 – "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."



III. Dad's Game Plan

What a Son or a Daughter Needs																					
To See	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Dad's <u>Loving Arm</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dad's <u>Character</u>										<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Dad's <u>Heart</u>													★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
To Hear																					
" <u>I Love You</u> "	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
" <u>I'm Proud of You</u> "													<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
" <u>You're Good at ...</u> "													<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
To Receive																					
<u>Encouragement</u>										<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Life Instruction</u>						★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★			
<u>Jesus</u> in their Lives						★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★			
To Experience																					
Special <u>1-on-1 times</u>							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Ceremonies</u>													★			★		★			★

A year when this item is especially important

★ A year that holds special opportunities for you and your child

IV. Resources to Help You

- *The New Eve* is a six-session designed to develop a healthy and biblical perspective on 21st century womanhood. Available in CD or DVD at www.mensfraternity.com.
- *Raising a Modern-Day Knight*, published by Focus on the Family, focuses on a father's role in guiding his son to authentic manhood. Available through Tyndale House or online at www.mensfraternity.com
- *Raising a Modern-Day Knight Video Adventure Series* with Dennis Rainey, published by SonLight Productions, is a six-part video training series especially geared for dads with sons between 7 and 13. It is available at www.rmdk.com.

V. Questions

1. Which of the five types of dads was your dad most often? Explain. Which of the five dads are you most often with your kids? Explain.
2. How was today's game plan for raising sons and daughters helpful to you? Explain.
3. What is one strategic move you could make right now to become a better dad in light of this game plan?
4. What is one strategic move you could put on your worksheet "10 Key Moves" for the future? Explain.
5. What did you hear today that impacted you most? Explain.

