

Baldivis Leadership Sessions, March 2019

March 19, 2019- Session #3: Providing and Protecting your family

Session 3: Shepherding your family: Ps. 23: 1-2, "I shall not want"

1. Providing Materially

- God provides (Jm. 1:17) – *Modelling* childlike dependence on God;
- Thankfulness – to the LORD, wife, children;
- Generosity – modelling and training in stewardship, sharing, RVC;
- Contentment – Phil. 4: 12; 1 Tim. 6: 6-8; Phil. 4:19
- Standard of living: 2-income household? Working, too much, too little.

2. Providing Spiritually

- Not by bread alone, but by God's Word (Deut. 8:6; Mt. 4:4)
- The Word an open book in the home (2 Tim. 3: 16, 17 – cf. 14-15)
- OT Josh. 24: 15/Judg. 2:7; Judg. 2:10; NT Acts 2: 38, 39
- Word is profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, training in righteousness, 2 Tim. 3:16
- Goal, 2 Tim. 3: 17, the man of God competent, equipped for every good work
- How?! Be realistic, systematic, flexible, consistent, interactive, be real!

Session 3: Shepherding your family: Ps. 23: 4-6, rod, staff, oils, ointment, etc.

1. Protecting Your Marriage

- Hebr. 13: 4; 1 Thess. 4: 3-8; Acts 20: 28, Pay careful attention to *yourself*...
- Marital unfaithfulness – inappropriate sexual desire (Mt. 5: 27; Jm. 1:14)
- Sexual life and adultery in the book of Proverbs: regret and shame in self and anger in others; preventative (4:14, 15, 25; 5: 1, 2, 7, 18, 19; 6:25; 7:1-3)
- *Be wise*, enjoy your wife, rejecting lustful thoughts immediately, escape
- Divorce, yes or no (Mt. 19:9)
- Read Gen. 39, 2 Sam. 11, rely on Jesus (Hebr. 4: 15; Rom. 8:37), share with others.

2. Protecting Your Children

- Protecting, *not* provoking (Eph. 6:4, "Bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord");
- Provoking by unrealistic expectations; unfair comparison to others; failing to keep promises; unjust disciplining; uncontrolled anger;
- Knowing, leading, providing, protecting are *one*;
- Be vigilant ... for wolves...: in culture, relativism, materialism;
- Preventative: set boundaries (5th comm., Eph. 6: 2, 3), what does the Lord want, explain boundaries, rules, punishments, consequences;
- Be consistent, and just! Forgive and forget!
- Deut. 6: 9, a full time calling and task!