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“THE OBJECTIVE OF A FATHER’S LEADERSHIP”

“What is the goal of exhorting, encouraging, and imploring your children? So that [they] would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls [them] into His own kingdom and glory.

(1 Thessalonians 2:12)

A father has his eyes on the end product of his parenting. He wants to make sure that, in the long term, his children are living according to God’s standards. His goal is to bring his children up toward spiritual maturity. In fact, he has God’s future kingdom and glory in mind. He tells his children, “This is what lies ahead for those who follow God. In light of all that God has done for you, don’t you think you ought to live the way God has called you to live?” A father lets his children know the kind of future that awaits them when they come to faith in Christ.

— Dr. John MacArthur

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

