

2. In spiritual graces: Love toward others/Joy/Peace
- Galatians 5:22
 - *Illus. Thermostat.*

- C. **The Dad/husband gives the _____**
God's order is: (Gen.3:16/ I Cor. 11:3)
1. Christ 2. The man (husband) 3. The wife

Conclusion: Think about your own Dad. Are these 3 things true??

Remember: Before your children's choices (later in life) come your choices. What you are a fan of, they likely will be too. Choose _____.

Rise Up, O Men of God!

Reflection Questions:

- A. Is God working in your heart to "step up" for Him? If so, what is one thing you need to address in the family or your child's life?
- B. What is one area for which you need to seek God's wisdom regarding dealing with (a type of entertainment, a place you let your family/child go, a device you have let them have)?
- C. What is something in your life that needs to be taken care of to neutralize the "sins of the father" problem?

The Rise of a *Man of God*

As goes the Dad/Husband, so goes the _____; and as goes the family, so goes the _____.

You, as the leader, are God's man, and the devil's access into your family's "bloodstream" starts & stops with you.

The true spirituality and strength of a Church is found in its laymen, not just its _____.

Let's contrast 2 Bible leaders' lives for important lessons:

I. Gideon: _____ Up (Judges 6)

- A. **A man God _____**
- vs. 12
- B. **A man whom God is " _____ "**
- vs. 12, 16
- C. **A man who has a _____ for the past days of _____**
- vs. 13
- D. **A man who feels _____ for the job**
- vs. 15
- E. **A man who _____ with where God is leading right now**
- vs. 16-18

F. A man who will stand against _____ (vs. 25-27)

- The issue of *sins of the _____*
II Chron. 14:2ff (Asa)/II Chron.34:1ff,21 (Josiah)
- The issue of *sins passed down*
Acts 7:51: As your _____ did, so do ye.
Ezek.16:44: As is the _____, so is her daughter

G. A man who has _____ on his life

- vs. 34

H. A man, who *in the battle*, does exactly what God _____ him to do (See Chapter 7)

The Enemy in my life is: _____

Conclusion: Judges 8:28

*Have you seen the enemy's onslaught? Are you calling out to God?
Have you realized that you are the man that God is looking for?*

II. Eli: _____ Up (I Samuel 4)

- A. A man who had _____ of righteousness (and even standing for it)
- 1:13-14 Hannah's situation; later giving spiritual blessings (2:20)
 - 2:23-24 – correcting/reproving his sons

B. A man who allowed evil to " _____ " on his watch

- He did not _____ with sin adequately
- He *knew* about the sin in their lives (2:29d)
- He tolerated evil (3:13) – "He knoweth"

C. He put his children before the Lord (2:29c)

D. He did not _____ his children (3:13)

E. He did not take care of his spiritual _____; (allowing sin in others). (cf. I Kings 1:5-6, David)

- Was there a parental/leadership neglect?
- Was he a permissive parent?
- Was he _____ involved in taking care of the Lord's business and not his children's?

F. He learned to " _____ "

III. The Dad's/Husband's Influence in the Home

A. The Dad/husband sets the _____
We all learn by *example* don't we? And we learn *early in life*.

- I Tim. 4:12 "...be an example..."
- I Thessalonians 2:9-12 "For ye remember, brethren..."

B. The Dad/husband sets the _____

1. Towards spiritual things – Church attendance/church involvement/ the Pastor/ preaching