

JOSHUA: A PATTERN FOR FATHERS TODAY
JOSHUA 24:14-15

Introduction:

A. From our Scripture reading we can see what kind of father Joshua must have been.

1. Joshua 24:14-15 2. He challenges his people.

B. All Christians, especially Christian fathers, should pattern their life after Joshua.

I. Joshua Was A Father Of Conviction

A. A man of conviction is a man of reverence.

B. Joshua told the people to _____ . Why?

1. It brings _____. Psalms 111:10

2. It makes us _____ to sin. Proverbs 16:6

3. It brings _____. Proverbs 14:26; Philippians 4:13

4. It brings _____, _____, and _____. Proverbs 22:4

C. A man of conviction is a man who has _____ to serve the Lord. Joshua 24:14-15

1. It is a _____ that has to be made. Matthew 12:30

2. We choose whom we serve. Romans 6:16

3. Our children see and are _____ by the decisions we make. 4. I Corinthians 11:1

5. Can your children be _____ to Christ by _____ you? 6. Matthew 5:16

7. We should let our _____ in front of our children.

8. More than likely, what you are now is what your children will become when they reach adulthood.

E. A man of conviction is not only a man who will serve the Lord, but will do it in the _____. Joshua 24:14

1. Fathers are you _____ in your worship?

2. Your children can tell.

F. We need to teach our children about _____ and _____ and what They have done and are still doing for us.

G. We need to _____ them what a Christian is.

1. We need to tell them how to become a Christian and just as important, how to _____ a Christian. Ephesians 6:4

2. We do this by _____ and _____.

II. Joshua Was A Father Who Made A _____

A. He challenged the people to _____ who they would serve.

1. He chose to serve the Lord!

B. _____ challenged the people of his day in the same way.
I Kings 18:21

C. Today, some fathers are serving the god of

1. _____;
2. _____;
3. _____;
4. _____;
5. _____.

D. We need fathers who will serve the living and true God, the God of salvation.

1. Who are you serving today?
2. Remember dad, your children are watching you to see what choice you will make.

E. _____ not _____ determines eternal destinies.

1. Decisions without delay must be made.
 2. Your _____ and possibly the _____ of your child hangs in the balance.
 3. This choice must not be made _____, but _____.
- II Corinthians 6:2

III. Joshua Made A _____.

A. His choice was not _____ - _____, but it was _____ - _____, which led to his commitment.

1. His commitment involved his _____.
- Joshua 24:15
2. Joshua led his entire household in his choice.

B. _____ was another man that God said he would lead his family. Genesis 18:19.

C. God has made it the man's (husbands and fathers) _____ to take care of his family and take the _____.

1. In _____ matters.
2. In _____ matters.

D. Commitment is defined as, "an _____ or _____ to do something in the future.

1. Make no mistake it takes commitment _____.
2. Luke 9:23
3. Revelation 2:10
4. James 1:12

E. Our children need to see that when we make a commitment we are _____ to our word.

Conclusion:

A. Fathers, husbands, and future ones, we need Joshua's _____ to make the kind of _____ he made, to have the kind of _____ he had.

B. ARE YOU A PERSON OF _____?

C. HAVE YOU _____ TO SERVE THE LORD?

D. HAVE YOU MADE THE _____ THAT NEEDS TO BE MADE?