

INFLUENCE
Real Men – Part 3
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Ephesians 6:4

“Fathers, don't exasperate your children by coming down hard on them. Take them by the hand and lead them in the way of the Master.”
Ephesians 6:4 (Mess)

THREE AREAS OF INFLUENCE

1. TEACH WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MAN.

“...God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created Him, male and female He created them.” Genesis 1:27 (NIV)

WHAT DOES A REAL MAN DO?

- **He Rejects Passivity**
- **He Assumes Responsibility**
- **He Leads Courageously**
- **He Expects Great Rewards**

“He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.”
Hebrews 11:26 (NIV)

2. BLESS YOUR CHILDREN.

“...a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him.’”
Matthew 17:5 (NIV)

Words that your kids need to hear from you.

- **I love you**
- **I am proud of you**
- **You're good at...**

“You experienced it all firsthand. With each of you we were like a father with his child, holding your hand, whispering encouragement, showing you step-by-step how to live well before God, who called us into His own kingdom, into this delightful life.” II Thessalonians 2:11-12 (Mess)

3. BUILD IN RESPECT.

“Love GOD, your God, with your whole heart: love Him with all that's in you, love Him with all you've got! Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night.” Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (Mess)

“The rod of correction imparts wisdom, but a child left to himself disgraces his mother...Discipline your son, and He will give you peace, he will bring delight to your soul.” Proverbs 29:15 (NIV)