



# GULF SHORES

CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Sunday Morning Sermon

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### **LESSON #4 = Why Dads Matter**

Introduction: In this series we are taking a close look at the Christian home. What does God expect in the home? What are the most important parts? In this lesson we will see why dads matter...

Discussion:

#### **I. Dads Need to Listen to God's Word**

- A. Hear the Warnings of God (**Jeremiah 22:5**)
- B. Hear the Word of the Lord (**Romans 10:14, 17**)
- C. Hear the Wholesome Truth of God (**II Timothy 4:3-4**)

#### **II. Dads Need to Love the Lord's Walk**

- A. Total Dependence on God's Instruction (**Psalms 65:1-2**)
- B. Total Dedication Toward God's Plan (**Isaiah 55:8-9**)
- C. Total Denial of Self Toward God's Walk (**Matthew 16:24**)

#### **III. Dads Need to Learn the Lord's Will**

- A. Teach About God (**Proverbs 6:20-23**)
- B. Instruct About God's Plan (**Proverbs 14:12, 16:25**)
- C. Discipline Using God's Will (**Proverbs 22:6, 13:24**)

#### **IV. Dads Need to Live the Lord's Way**

- A. Our Wives Are A Godsend (**Genesis 2:18**)
- B. Our Homes Should Be Godly (**Joshua 24:15**)
- C. Our Children Are A Gift (**Psalms 127:3-5**)



Conclusion: I got some of my notes today from my friend Mark Posey who is a gifted preacher and writer. He once said, "There is no school that families can attend and earn a degree in family strength. Families become strong because parents pay the price to follow God's instructions." AMEN! God wants strong families (**Ephesians 6:1-4**). He wants strong mothers and fathers. God takes our covenant seriously. How can we know that the family matters to God? The Bible tells us. How can we know that God matters to the family? We must show it! How is your home? How is your relationship with your dad? How is your relationship with your Heavenly Father?