

Duct Tape Dads: Holding Fast in a Loose World

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Introduction

I Stick To The Main Thing

- A. Hold fast to **God** - Gen 2:24; Deut 10:20
- B. Hold fast to the Word - Ps 119:31; Josh 22:4-5
- C. Hold fast to your calling:
 - 1. Your **spouse** - Eph 5:25-28
 - 2. Your family - Deut 6:4-9; Eph 6:4; Prov 22:6
 - 3. Your **ministry**:
 - a. Jesus completed his calling - Jn 17:4
 - b. Paul completed his calling - Acts 20:24
 - c. We are to complete our calling - 1 Cor 9:24-25

II Hold It Together

- A. Be an example of **faith**: - 1 Tim 4:12
 - 1. Strong - Ps 27:14; 1 Cor 16:13
 - 2. Courageous - Josh 1:6-9
 - 3. Persevering:
 - a. **Hupomone** = “To cheerfully stand firm under pressure” - Heb 12:1; James 1:2-4
 - b. **Prokope** = “To beat the breast in grief and advance anyway” - Phil 1:12, 25
- B. Be an example of **hope**:
 - 1. Your legacy - Heb 11:1
 - 2. Your destiny - Rom 5:2-5
- C. Be an example of **love**:
 - 1. Love for God - Mk 12:30
 - 2. Love for others - Mk 12:31

III Be Strong Yet Flexible

- A. In your **leadership**
 - 1. With your wife - Eph 5:25; Col 3:19; 1 Pt 3:7

- 2. With your children - Eph 6:4; Col 3:21
 - 3. With others - Col 3:12-14
- B. In your **planning** - Prov 16:9
- C. In your **implementation** - 1 Cor 9:22

IV Avoid Exposure to Damaging Elements

- A. Be on guard against the **world** - 1 Jn 2:15-17
- B. Be on guard against your flesh - 2 Tim 2:22
- C. Be on guard against the **devil** - 1 Pt 5:8-9

V Remember: You're Not the Permanent Solution

- A. Be strong in the **Lord** - Eph 6:10-18
- B. Be strong in His mighty power - Jer 9:23-24; 2 Cor 12:9-10
- C. Be strong in **grace** - 2 Tim 2:1-2

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. What is one of the valuable “gifts” (lessons, examples, qualities) your father/grandfather passed on to you?
2. The biblical role of husband/father is humanly impossible! Remember, you can't do it without God! Take a few minutes to review Proverbs 3:5-6 and 2 Chronicles 20:12. Then ask God for the strength, wisdom, patience, guidance and joy to honor Him in your high calling as a husband and father.
3. It is often easier to criticize what your husband/father is not doing than it is to appreciate what he is already doing and has done. Take time today to verbally express your gratitude and appreciation for your husband/father. [Heb 10:24-25]
4. Finally, spend a few minutes thanking God for your husband/father. Ask your Heavenly Father to bless your earthly husband/father; to guide him, fill him and empower him to be the man God has designed him to be.

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