

## **As For Me and My House, We Will Serve The Lord!**

The foundation of any nation is the family, and if you destroy the family you destroy the nation. Satan's number one target in the family is the father. The father is to be the Spiritual head of the family and if you cut off the head you always kill the body. If every father would declare like Joshua, *"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord,"* jails would be emptied, churches would be filled, the crime rate would go down, baptisms would go up, revival fires would blaze, marriages would be restored, homes would be rebuilt, and the sweet wind of God's Holy Spirit would blow again through America.

One of the greatest things a father can do for his children is to teach them how to have proper priorities. You teach them by going to church that God is important. You teach them by reading the Bible to them that the Word of God is important. You teach them by praying with them and for them that fellowship with God is important. You teach them by keeping your lips clean from what goes into them and what comes out of them that living holy lives for God is important. As Christian men we need to go out of our ways to love and support every child and youth, especially where there is a need for Godly men to be an example.

Joshua led his family because he loved his family. Dad, the mark of a father's love is a father's leadership. If you don't lead your family, you don't really love your family. We have to make a choice. You have got to choose which god you are going to serve. This is a choice that every father has to make. Father, be very careful when you make this choice because the choice that you make will influence the choice that will be made in your family for generations to come.

Making decisions is a very funny thing. Not to make a decision is to make a decision. When it comes to God you have to make a choice. You have to make a decision. Worldly fathers produce worldly families. Selfish fathers produce selfish families. Godless fathers produce godless families. But spiritual fathers produce spiritual families. Joshua said, *"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."* As long as your children are in your house they are your responsibility. As long as they are under your roof, they are under the umbrella of your authority and God holds you accountable for their actions.

Some little boys were standing around bragging on their fathers. One dad happened to walk by and catch the conversation they were having, and he listened to them. One boy said, "My Dad knows the Mayor." The second little boy said, "That's nothing, my Dad knows the Governor." The third boy said, "Well, I've got both of you beat, my Dad knows the Senator." Then this father recognized the voice of his own son who said, "I've got all of you guys beat, my Dad knows God." That dad fell to his knees and said, "Oh God, may my boy always be able to say that about his daddy, that his daddy knows God. What a difference it would make in this nation if every father knew God and brought his family to know God.