

"The Glory of Children"  
(Proverbs 17:6)

Introduction: "We are living in a world where millions of children have no \_\_\_\_\_. When fathers do not glory in God, the children find no glory in their fathers. As a result, the nation finds no glory in her \_\_\_\_\_" (Sexton).

- I. Children Glory in the \_\_\_\_\_ of their Fathers (Joshua 24:15; Eph. 5:21-23)
  - A. First of all, a good father needs to be a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Fathers should have bible-based \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. Children need to know where Dad \_\_\_\_\_ on the issues of life.
  - D. Dads need to live \_\_\_\_\_ lives or they will have no real leadership.
  - E. Children are watching what you \_\_\_\_\_ more than they are listening to what you say.
  - F. Eli is an example of a believer who was a \_\_\_\_\_ dad (1 Sam. 2:22-25; 3:13).
  - G. \_\_\_\_\_ is an example of a good and godly father.
  - H. He made the spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ for his family.
  - I. Leaders make decisions without considering their \_\_\_\_\_.
  - J. God holds the fathers \_\_\_\_\_ for how things go in the home.
- II. Children Glory in the \_\_\_\_\_ of their Fathers (1 Cor. 13)
  - A. "Love is \_\_\_\_\_. Love is \_\_\_\_\_. Love takes hold and holds on. Fathers need to say, 'I am not going to lose my children. I am not going to lose my wife. I am not going to lose my family. I am going to hang on and do what is necessary'. Love is \_\_\_\_\_" (Sexton).
  - B. True love will \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 13:24; Heb. 12:6).
  - C. Love is also \_\_\_\_\_; Christ is the great example of a compassionate man.
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_ your children is not real love.
  - E. Love is spelled "\_\_\_\_\_."
  - F. Be \_\_\_\_\_ in what they are interested in.
- III. Children Glory in the \_\_\_\_\_ of their Fathers
  - A. Loyal means "to be \_\_\_\_\_ to one's oaths, obligations, or commitments.
  - B. Fathers need to be loyal to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. Fathers need to be loyal to their \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. Fathers need to be loyal to their \_\_\_\_\_.
  - E. Fathers need to be loyal to their \_\_\_\_\_.

Conclusion: "When I am gone, I do not want to be remembered as a great general. I want to be remembered as a Christian father who read the Bible and prayed with his children" (General Douglas MacArthur). "Children will not be young for long. They are grown and gone before we know it. Father, it would be wonderful if your children could glory in your leadership, your love, and your loyalty now. May God in heaven help us to do what is right" (Sexton).