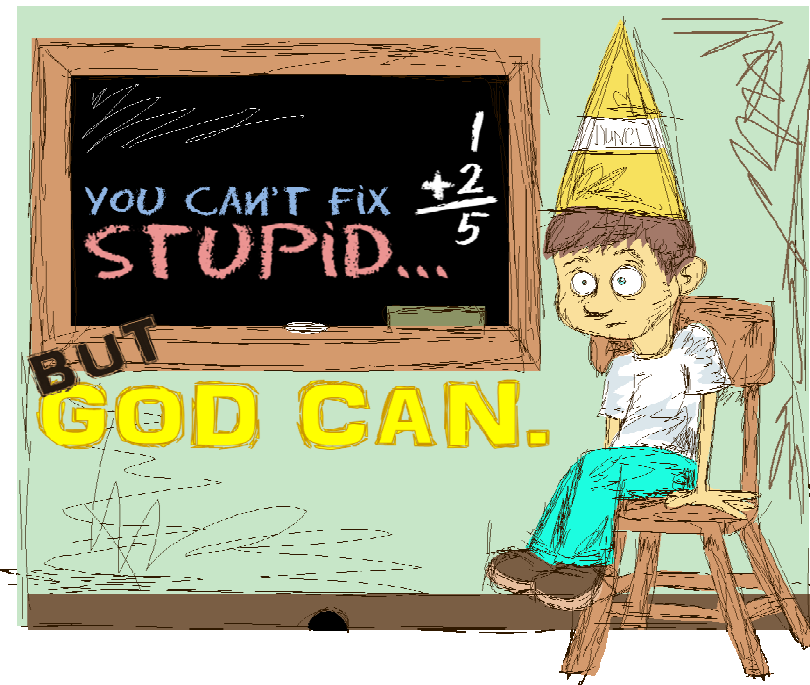


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You Can't Fix Stupid, But God Can – Sermon #3
The Incredible Influence Of A Father
1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

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1. A FATHER INFLUENCES HIS FAMILY BY DEMONSTRATING _____.

SCRIPTURE – 1 Thessalonians 2:8a *"Having this fond affection for you..."*

Affection means *"to feel oneself _____ to someone or something."*

➤ Real affection will always be _____.

1. You demonstrate affection by _____ affection.

2. You demonstrate affection by _____ who your child is.

3. You demonstrate affection by _____ what your child does.

2. A FATHER INFLUENCES HIS FAMILY BY LIVING AN _____ LIFE.

SCRIPTURE – **1 Thessalonians 2:8** *We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God **but our lives as well**, because you had become so dear to us.*

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- Authenticity enables a father to transfer his _____ to his children.
- Authenticity enables a father to model Godly _____ to his children.
- Authenticity requires a father to willingly admit his _____.

3. A FATHER INFLUENCES HIS FAMILY BY HIS HARD _____.

SCRIPTURE – **1 Thessalonians 2:9** *Surely you remember, brothers, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you.*

- A hard-working father teaches his children _____.
- A hard-working father teaches his children to be _____.
- A hard-working father teaches his children _____.

4. A FATHER INFLUENCES HIS FAMILY BY HIS _____ LEADERSHIP.

SCRIPTURE – **1 Thessalonians 2:9,10** *Surely you remember, brothers, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you. [10] You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed.*

- Spiritual fathers set the _____ in their families.
- Spiritual fathers take the lead in spiritual _____.

SCRIPTURE – If you question that look at **Deuteronomy 6:1-2**: *"These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, {2} so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life."*

5. RESULT – A _____ INFLUENCE.

SCRIPTURE – **1 Thessalonians 2:11,12** *For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, [12] encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.*

- Paul refers to his ministry in Thessalonica as being one of active _____ – "as a father".
- Five practical _____ for Positive Father Power:
 1. _____ the ultimate Father.
 2. Model and teach _____ for authority.
 3. Help your family see the big (eternal) _____.
 4. Commit solidly to family _____.
 5. Be positive in building family members _____.