

Becoming a Stronger Parent-Leader

Would you like to feel better about yourself as a parent and have more confidence in your parenting?

Is parenting more stressful than you thought it would be?

Would you like to enjoy parenting more?

Do you want to be more respected as a parent?

You can become more confident, experience more enjoyment, be more respected and be less stressed in your parenting. It is all about parental leadership and becoming a Stronger Parent-Leader.

When a person becomes a parent, he/she also immediately becomes a leader at a whole new level, never previously experienced in terms of scope, intensity and opportunity. Every parent is a leader whether or not they are aware of it and whether or not they want to be. Being a leader "goes with the territory". The job description of parenting is all about leadership.

Leaders "set the tone" for their families. They also determine the "face" of their families, i.e. what their family will "look like" to others.

Every parent is a leader. The question is, "What kind of leader"?

There are 4 kinds of Parent-Leaders:

- Strong Leaders: Strong leaders take their families in the direction of physical, mental, social, financial and spiritual health.
- Weak Leaders: Weak leaders may know what they should be doing, but are lacking in backbone, consistency, stamina and perseverance.
- Destructive Leaders: Destructive leaders take their families in the direction of dysfunction and discontent.
- Indifferent Leaders: Indifferent leaders have abandoned their families physically, emotionally, socially, financially, or spiritually. These leaders neither protect their families nor do they prepare them to deal with the issues of everyday life.

Nothing can fully prepare a person in advance for the leadership demands that come with being a parent. Training in the specialized skills of parental leadership is essential to becoming an effective and successful parent.

Leadership that is:

Truth Based.
Values Based.

Knowledge Based.

Experience Based.

Be Encouraged.

Be Established.

Be Informed.

Be Effective.

These 4 core principles are the basis of this program that supports parents as they develop their leadership skills and become Stronger Parent-Leaders. Thus equipped, they can then make it possible for their children to become strong leaders for tomorrow. They also can become sources of strength and encouragement for other parents who are seeking to become strong leaders for their families.

The foundation for becoming a strong Parent-Leader is to Live According To God's Creative Design. In this model, the triad of Relationships, Serving Others in Love and Life Long Learning emphasizes the essential components of successful living.

Weak, destructive or indifferent leaders, if they have a sense of need, a desire to learn and a willingness to change can grow to become strong leaders by participating in the programs of Growing Better Families.

Parents and families are facing greater challenges today than at any previous time in the history of this country. Moral decline, the deprecation of traditional values and the devaluation of life itself are in an escalating "free-fall", giving our present situation a clear sense of urgency.

The need for strong family leaders has never been greater.

STRONG LEADERS. WHO ARE THEY AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

- Strong leaders are positive persons who see the glass as "half full", are able to focus on the important and care about others.
- Strong leaders demonstrate good manners, successful problem solving and effective communication.
- Strong leaders are "encouragers" and serve others in love.

Every facet of society is directly and powerfully impacted by the leaders of our families. Strong family leaders are the only kind of leaders that can effectively address today's challenges.

With great challenges come even greater opportunities.

Opportunities, including those disguised as problems, come our way every day. Welcomed or not, they are God's

provision to initiate the process whereby we are prompted to invite Him to enter our daily lives, live in His presence, seek His wisdom and allow Him to demonstrate His grace, power and love.

Growing Better Families is looking for parents who understand and appreciate the above perspective and want to become stronger leaders for their families.

Becoming a Stronger Parent-Leader is a study program that can be done either individually or in a group setting.

Study program steps:

- 1) Read the Introduction (above).
- 2) Read the Program Overview.
- 3) Print out and complete either the single parent family leader review or the 2 parent family leader review and follow the instructions for the assigned tasks.
- 4) Go to the Study Outline and select the topic of your choice. You will be taken directly to the supporting resources. See the Program Overview for information related to gaining full access to all of the resources that support this course of study.

Continue by going to the Program Overview.