

The Importance of a Father Figure

As we approach Father's Day, we just wanted to help encourage you men in the importance you bring to your sons and daughters as their father. If you are a dad reading this let me encourage you with a couple simple ways to impact your children.

Time, time is the one thing we ALL have the same allotment of every day, we all get 24 hours. Make time to engage your children. Engage with them at a level according to their age, and in what they are interested in. If they are babies, hold them, talk to them, pray over them, read them scripture! Developing this rhythm will bless them and you as they get older. If they are older, plan a special day with them. This will create memories that will last a lifetime! I am 66 and still remember the day my dad took me out of school to go fishing! You will never be the perfect dad, no one is, however; you can be an intentional dad who makes time for his children daily.

Lastly tell your children that you love them often. Once they get older start adding in ways you are proud of them. It is NEVER too late to start doing these things with your children, these also work no matter if your children are biological, adopted, step, foster, etc. Boys and girls NEED the love and influence of a father in their lives. Showing your children you love them by committing regular time with them will serve you well as they get older. Have a GREAT Father's Day!

Tom Cheshire, Executive Director, - RPM



Happy Father's Day from RPM!

Spring Fundraiser Update

A huge THANK YOU to all that responded to our spring fundraising campaign. God is continuously showing Himself faithful to us. He is using every day men, such as yourself, to meet the financial needs of RPM. This enables us to continue to answer the call God has put on our lives to minister to the church and her men to further the family and kingdom of God. We are humbled by your love and support. To date we have raised \$5,320 of our \$4500 goal!!!!

*All the Glory goes to
God!!!!!!*

Are you living as a God's man or as a worldly man?

Many men would consider themselves to be "good men", maybe godly. The problem with this thinking is they've failed to acknowledge that goodness alone is insufficient to answer the call to a man's identity. If we continue to allow the culture to set the standard for what a man is then we are going to raise another generation of confused men who don't know what faith, marriage, parenting, and the workplace should look like as defined in God's word, the BIBLE!

Live as the Man of God you were created to be, check out below 10 metrics to measure your manhood.

A MAN OF GOD...

- REPENTS when he sins (1 Jn 1:9).
- Considers himself DEAD to sin but ALIVE to God (Rom 6:1-4, 11).
- Seeks to remain HUMBLE rather than EXALT himself (Prv 27:2).
- Is a SERVANT rather than demanding that he be served (Mk 10:45).
- Leads by EXAMPLE (1Tm 4:12).
- If married, LOVES his wife as Christ LOVES the church (Eph 5:25).
- Lives in sexual purity, HONORING God with his body (1 Cor 6:18; Rom 12:1-2).
- Seeks to be continually filled with the HOLY SPIRIT (Eph 5:18; Acts 13:52; Gal 5:25).
- Desires to PLEASE the Lord more than himself (2 Cor 5:9).
- BEARS fruit for the kingdom of God (Jn 15:5-8).



Tom Gensler, Director of Development - RPM



RELEVANT PRACTICAL MINISTRY FOR MEN

A Heart For Men & Inner City Mission

 "I do my best ministry around a breakfast table", says Scott Payne, RPM board president. Scott has been with RPM from day one and has been a true friend and mentor to Tom Cheshire. The two met as a result of Cheshire forming his first non-profit ministry, Business Men in Christ (BMIC). Out of the desire to minister to the community, Tom and other men involved with BMIC approached Scott to partner with the ministry he is involved in, Inner City Mission, for a service project. "The women needed to see that godly men existed and needed to be encouraged by godly men so I knew it would be a good fit", Scott explained.

Tom and Scott formed a strong bond through ministry. Tom eventually was called into full time ministry, and with support, encouragement, and a lot of prayer from Scott and several other men, he started what you know today as Relevant Practical Ministry for Men. Tom meets with several different men on a regular basis. He and Scott meet for breakfast or lunch often to chat about what God is doing in both of their ministries and lives.

Beginning his partnership with Inner City Mission in Springfield, IL in 1993, Scott is the Executive Director. Serving along his side are his wife of 39 years, Connie; three sons; and a host of others. Having four sons and two daughters, all of the Payne children have served at ICM at some point in their lives. "It was important to us that our children knew that there are people with real needs out there and it is our responsibility to help them and give back to our community" Scott stated.

Recently RPM partnered with ICM and provided cake kits that included a cake mix, icing, and sprinkles for each of the mothers and their children to make together. Each kit was in a pan, wrapped with a bow, and a handmade card one of the RPM kids made. They had a wonderful time making the cakes together, and most importantly, made a great memory.



Scott's passion for people is evident in speaking with him. ICM gives shelter to women and their children, provide meals to them, walk beside them in love, and their ultimate goal is to point them to Jesus. "We don't have just one plan we follow, each of these women have different needs and are on different levels and we have to meet them where they are. We take them in and work with them on a case by case basis. We have to make them feel safe by our actions. Just as they can tell us "XYZ", we have to see it to believe it, and visa versa. We have to show them, not just tell them" he explains.

Full of passion, Scott says "My favorite part is when the ladies have lost all hope and they allow the Spirit of God to bring about tears of joy. That shows transformation. Yes, the tears of joy, that is my favorite part of this job!"

Coming up...

Father's Day - 6.20.2021
Independance Day - 7.4.2021
Labor Day - 9.6.2021
O'Fallon ISI - 9.11.2021
Champaign ISI - 9.25.2021

Manhood Tips

- Being an open vessel for God to use will take you farther than your wildest dreams!
- God is for you always, in all ways.
- Take time to be lighthearted and childlike this summer!