

PARENTS: THE BUILDING MAKEOVER

EXTREME FAMILY MAKEOVER

EPHESIANS 6:4

THE HOLY SPIRIT PRODUCES:

- Mutual submission in the Christian CHURCH (Eph 5:21)
- Mutual submission in the Christian MARRIAGE (Eph 5:22-33)
- Mutual submission in the Christian HOME (Eph 6:1-4)

THE PRE-RENOVATION WALK-THROUGH

- CAUSE - ABSENTEE PARENTS – the sway away from responsibility
- CRITIQUE - APOSTATE CHILDREN – the sway away from church and faith

THE RENOVATION – EPH 6:4

The Christian Parent's Blueprint

- Open the SPIRIT of your children
- Own the PRIMARY responsibility of SPIRITUALLY FEEDING your children

The Building Supplies

- CLOSE PROXIMITY – modeling achieved through time and presence
- CONSISTENT PENALTY – self-discipline grown through correction and discipline
- CLEAR PRESENTATION – mental formation through verbal instruction

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. In what ways can a parent promote the closing of their child's spirit? What can they do to promote opening it?
2. Which family "building supply" do you consider to be most absent in today's families? Why? What are the results of the absences of that component? How can that be remedied?
3. As either a father or a mother, which "building supply" has been under-utilized or absent in constructing your home?
4. What should be the church's role in family discipleship? In what way can a church share in the culpability for the poor construction of family discipleship? How can that be corrected? What role does the church play in unconventional families (single parent families, grandparent led families)?