



## Fathers: The Point Man of the Family Part 2

2 Timothy 2  
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The Bible often describes life in terms of a spiritual warfare. As Christians, we are in enemy territory (2 Cor 4:4; Eph. 2:1-3; 6:10-18; James 4:4; 1 Jn 2:15,16; 5:19; Phil 2:15) on mission for our King and Commander in Chief. (Col. 1:13; Phil. 2:13-16; 1 Peter 2:9) God has commissioned the Father to act as the “Point Man” in the spiritual battle for the hearts and souls of his family “unit”.

**How do we succeed in our God given mission to safely lead our family “units” safely through this hostile world?**

- **Accept your Responsibility!** (To Lead {Eph. 5:23} and Love {Eph. 5:25})
- **Know your Enemy.** Eph. 6:12 *“For we wrestle ... but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”*
  - **By Getting equipped by developing the qualities necessary to safely and successfully lead your family.**

*Below are some of the suggestions I received this week from some of you about what the “P” in Point man might be.*

1. **Prayerful.** Luke 18:1 *“men ought always to pray, and not to faint”* (ekkake’ō: weak, quit, fail.)  
Philippians 4:13 *“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”*
2. **Provider** 1 Tim 5:8 *“if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.”*
3. **Protector** Mt. 12:29 *“first bind the strong man, and then he will spoil his house”.*  
1 Pt 3:7 *“husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor to the wife, as unto the weaker...”*
4. **Patient** James 1:19-20 *“let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.”*
5. **Perseverance** Ro. 12:11,12 *“Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation”*  
1 Cor 13:7 (love) *“Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.”*  
2 Tim. 2:3 *“Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ...”*
6. **Partner** 1 Pt 3:7 *“giving honor unto the wife, ... and as being heirs together of the grace of life;”*
7. **Patterned after Jesus** Eph. 5:25,28 *“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it... So ought men to love their wives ....”*

**8. Perceptive.** The Term “Bishop” in the NT is Episkopē’. From Epi: after or over and skopos: to inspect or look. (to look out for or look after) That’s the part of the Pastor’s Job!  
*“feed the flock of God..., taking the oversight thereof” 1 Peter 5:2; Acts 20:28*

**It’s also the Father’s Job!**

**A. What should the point man “look out for?”**

1) **Danger from your surroundings.** 2 Tim. 2:22 *“that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.”*

- a) Military uses special equipment to “Identify Friends or Foes” (IFF system)  
➤ What if it fails to work? What if we just “ignore” it? (See Mt. 7:15)

2) **Distractions** 2 Tim. 2:4 *“No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier”*

Mk 4:19 *“the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke (sympnig’ō: crowd, strangle) the word, (and the relationship) and it becometh unfruitful.”*

3) **The condition of your (family) Unit.** Proverbs 27:23 *“Be thou diligent (yada) to know (yada) the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds.”*

*Know the condition of those under your care!*

*(Strengths, Weaknesses, Abilities & Vulnerabilities) (See Heb. 3:12,13; 10:23-25)*

1 Peter 3:7 *“husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge giving honor... as unto the weaker vessel”*

- What happens if you push your unit beyond their ability? (1 Tim. 6:3)

4) **Of your enemy.** (An awareness of the tactics used by the enemy.)

1 Peter 5:8 *“Be sober, be vigilant because your adversary the devil... seeks whom he can devour...”*

2 Cor 2:11 *“Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.”*

Rev 12:12 *“Woe to the inhabitants of the earth! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knows that he hath but a short time.”*

**Conclusion:**

Isaiah 21:6, 11,12; Ezek. 3:17-19; 33:1-9 all speak of God appointing watchman.

*Ez. 33:7 “So thou, son of man, I have set thee a watchman; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.”*

**Application:**

1) **Watchmen, Where are you most vulnerable? (1 Cor. 11:28)**

Prayerful? \_\_\_\_ Providing? \_\_\_\_ Protecting? \_\_\_\_

Patient? \_\_\_\_ Persevering? \_\_\_\_ Partnering with your spouse? \_\_\_\_

Patterning your life after Christ? \_\_\_\_\_ Perceptive? \_\_\_\_

2) **Will you purpose to partner with God and your family to prepare?**

2 Tim. 2 opens with a call for men to be strong and protect their families (and churches) from Spiritual attacks, and closes with the reality of people becoming snared by the Devil.

In Ezek. 30:20 God says: *“I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none!”*

**Will He find one in you?**