



# The Point Man of the Family

## Part 4 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 our Responsibility! (To Lead {Eph. 5:23} and Love {Eph. 5:25})
- Know our Enemy. Eph. 6:12
- Develop the qualities necessary to successfully lead our families.

*P: Prayerful, Provider, Protector, Patient, Persevering, Partner, Patterned after Jesus, Perceptive.  
O: Observant, Open, Optimistic (courageous), Obedient (to God), Objective (Mission Minded!)*

**I: A good point man is able to “Inspire” those he leads by:**

### 1. Being Intentional. (Purposeful, deliberate) 2 Tim 2:4

*“No man that warreth entangleth himself... that he may please him who called him...”*

A. Where are we (supposed to be) going? Pr. 29:18

*“If the leader doesn’t know where he’s going, it produces insecurity in those who follow him.”*

B. How can we safely lead them there? (Ps 16:11; Pr. 3:5,6; Heb. 12:1,2)

*“seeing we’re compassed with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which does so easily beset us...” (Euperis’tatos: competes, distracts, thwarts)*

*2 Tim 4:7-9 “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day (see 1 Cor. 5:10) and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.” (also Mt 6:19-34; 1 Cor 3; Col. 3; Phil 3)*

### 2. Becoming Involved! In order to be involve we must:

A. Be Interested. 1 Cor 13:5 *“seeketh not her own”* (Love always pursues!)

B. Take Initiative John 13:17 *“If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.”*

**Makarinos: supremely blessed!**

C. Be Intimate *“Deeply or closely personal; Familiar! Detailed or deep knowledge of. Close union or combination of parts.”* See 1 Corinthians 12:26-27 and John 14:21

**Intimacy requires vulnerability! (Mt. 26:38)**

### 3. Model personal Integrity! Pr. 20:7 *“The just man walketh in his integrity:*

*( אִישׁ {Tom} upright; complete) his children are blessed after him.”*

*Pro 11:3 “The integrity of the upright shall guide them:but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.”*

*Ps. 78:72 “He fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.”*

**A. Personal Integrity involves:**

1) Our **Tongues**: (What we say) Job 2:9; Ps. 141:3 *“Set a watch before my mouth...”*

2) Our **“Track Record”** (What we do) Ps 26:1 *“Judge me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; therefore I shall not slide.”*

Are your Words and your “Walk” sending the same message?

Heb. 13:17 *“Remember them that have the rule over you, (Hēge’omai: lead, command) Who have spoken ... the word of God, whose faith follow, Considering the end of their conversation.”* (Anastrophē’: behavior)

3) Our **Trustworthiness**. Gen 18:19 *“For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, And they shall keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment, that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which He hath spoken”*

*We spend a lot of time wondering if we can really trust God?*

*I wonder how much time he spends wondering if He can really trust us?*

**Conclusion: What does it really mean to “Inspire”:**

1) To motivate to action.

2) To breathe in. (Latin: inspirer’e) *“Originally used of a divine or supernatural being, in the sense ‘impart a truth / idea to someone’*

**Literally: “In Spirit”**

God’s Spirit in us gives us the:

➤ **Clarity** to Follow His leading. (Jn. 16:13; Ps. 16:11)

➤ **Confidence** to lead others. (Phil. 2:13)

**God inspires you so that you can inspire others!**

Phil. 3:13-15 *“forgetting those thing which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, (telios: complete) be thus minded.”*

Phil. 3:17-20 *“be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now ... even weeping, that they are the enemies of ... Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.*

*For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior”*



**Can your family and friends follow you with the confidence to know that you’ll lead them toward “the high calling of God in Christ Jesus”?**