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LEADERSHIP BEGINS AT HOME

By Michael Hyatt (Website "The Christian Daily" 10 June 2012)

Why do some of the sharpest leaders step up in the workplace but flake out when they walk into their home? Is it fatigue? Work overload? Or are they just out of their element?

With Father's Day approaching, this blog is written from one dad to another. Mum's, I encourage you to keep reading too because you're our partner, and often our greatest supporter. Hopefully the single parents who read this will also be encouraged and challenged.

Most of us tend to view leading as something that's work-related—it's something we do with and for our constituents or co-workers. And if we're lucky, we hope that our leadership will trickle down to our family lives at home. But we've got it backwards.

A little girl asked her mum, "Why does Daddy always bring work home?"

Her upbeat mum answered, "Oh, Daddy has so much work to do that he can't get it all done at the office."

And the child said, "Why don't they just put him in a slower group?"

If only it were that easy. Work flows to the competent, which makes time of the essence.

Living for the ladder -

The more you achieve in leadership circles, the more tempted you will be to put family on the back-burner. Don't become consumed with climbing the ladder of success. Someday you may find yourself at the top of the ladder—all alone. The joy of success comes when your loved

ones are by your side supporting you. Since leaders are pretty time conscious, let me suggest three crucial times when you can lead your family.

Mealtime: Guard it. Protect it. You may have to eat early or late—just make certain you do it together as often as possible. Harvard professor Dr. Catherine Snow followed 65 families over an eight-year period. She made this profound discovery: Dinnertime is of more value to child development than playtime, school time, and story time.

If eating around the kitchen table trumps the benefits of school, then you've got my attention. At the table you can affirm, teach, listen, reinforce, and laugh! Life lessons can be learned here. So put away your phone and look into your family's eyes.

Travel Time: Like it or not the inside of your car has become the modern day living room. As you shuttle your kids to and from, you have quality training time. Jesus taught his disciples while he travelled. He always seized teachable moments.

Leading your family isn't measured by how many different directions you go. Non-stop activity rarely breeds character. Use your travel time to point your children in the right direction.

You won't always have them riding with you. Someday they'll be driving separately, and it will be sooner than you think.

Take advantage of your captive audience (see Deuteronomy 6:4–9).

Remember you are raising them to release them. So use your travel time to prepare them for when you're not there.

Bedtime: Sometimes we miss out on this pivotal time to lead our little ones, especially Dads.

I've been guilty of leaving the tucking in and bedtime prayers to my wife—that's a leadership cop out on my part. You may spend your workday delegating duties, but please don't do it here. This is an opportunity for each parent to affirm, console, encourage, and bless your kids just before they fall asleep.

My parents took turns. Often one of them would pray by my bedside. "Oh Lord, I can't wait to see how you are going to use Dave." So, instead of falling asleep wondering if God could use me, I dreamed of how He was going to use me. They were vision-casting for me as a student. That's leadership in the home.

Restructure your day and your priorities -

Centuries ago, the Hebrews actually viewed 6 p.m. when the workday ended as the technical beginning of the day. What if you were to change the way you view the home front—and you allowed your family to get the first fruits of your energy instead of the leftovers? Your children need to see, hear, and sense that they are more important to you than your job.

Remember, in order to lead in the home you must actually be in the home.

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PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the WALKER WHITE WILSON WOOD and both TURVEY Families.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TERM END

Tomorrow 22nd June is the last testing day. After this date, reports will be finalised for the term in readiness for reporting to parents by the end of term.

LAST WEEK OF TERM

HONOUR ROLL DAY Mon 25 June

NORMAL SCHOOL DAYS Tues 26 & Wed 27 June

REPORT COLLATING AND INTERVIEW DAY Thurs 28 June

LAST DAY OF TERM Friday 29 June

Presentation Afternoon will be from 1.15 - 2.20 approx. Parents and other family members are especially invited to come and support the students as they receive their awards and certificates for the term.

ELC HONOUR ROLL TRIP

This term our primary Honour Roll Trip is to Bendigo to enjoy the fun and activities at the Fun Factory.

We will depart from school at 9.15 am and return at 3.00 pm. Lunch will be taken at the Kennington

Reservoir (weather permitting).

Children will need to wear sports uniform and bring along lunch, snacks, drink and necessary medications.

The trip will be subsidized by the school but a \$5.00 cost per student will be levied to parent accounts.

DELTA HONOUR ROLL

There will be no Honour Roll day trip, but an overnight trip to Echuca for Monday and Tuesday of this last week of term. There will be a separate notice sent out to all Delta students.

GAMMA HONOUR ROLL TRIP

On Monday the 25th of June all Gamma students, who have made Honour Roll, will travel to Junortoun to visit 'Confectionery Capers'.

This will be followed by lunch at the Strathdale Lions Park, a kick of the footy and fun on the playground equipment. The cost for the day will be \$4 and will be charged to parents' accounts.

Students are asked to wear sports uniform, to bring a packed lunch, drinks and snacks for the day

All students will be transported by school bus and are expected to arrive at school and depart at the end of the day as per normal school hours.

SECONDARY HONOUR ROLL TRIP

Students who have completed all work requirements for the term and tested by Friday 22 June will not be required to attend school on Monday 25 June.

Students who are to complete outstanding work are required to attend school on this day until all work is completed.

Students who complete their Honour Roll requirements will be eligible to attend the Honour Roll Trip to the MCG on Friday night 29 June to watch the AFL Match Carlton v Hawthorn. Students will be departing Olivet at 4pm.

Please bring your food for tea, water bottle, and a little spending money. We suggest you bring any snacks you need from home as the prices at the footy can be quite expensive.

We aim to be returning to Olivet by 1.00am.

The cost will be \$10 per student payable to Mr Chapman by next Friday in order to reserve your ticket.

HOT LUNCHESES TOMORROW

Hot Lunches will be available tomorrow but not next Friday and for Term 3 as a Fundraiser for the South Pac Convention Fiji trip. A reminder that no food can be purchased from the Five Flags store on these Hot Lunch days.

REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS FOR SEM 1 2012

Staff will have reports ready for parents on the last day of term. They will be available at the end of the Presentation Afternoon from Mrs Revell.

If parents wish to make an appointment to see class teachers on the Thursday of next week (28 June) please make contact with Mrs Revell or contact the class teacher via the student diary.

SECONDARY SPORT Table tennis

Please come prepared for sport with your sports clothes ready to change at lunchtime.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ QUESTIONS

1. Which planet shares its name with a chemical element? Mercury
2. Which of our senses uses receptors called rods and cones? Sight
3. To which kingdom of life do mushrooms belong? Fungi
4. The Square Kilometre Array will be the world's largest what? Radio telescope
5. What do a ladybird's bright colours indicate? Warns predators they taste bad!

Did you know?

[Marine herbivores](#), including fish, urchins and sea snails, are responsible for eating around 70% of the seaweed on the sea floor.

RESUSCITATE A MATE Will be held on Tuesday. A reminder for students to bring a pillow if possible for them to use for this class. Classes will be held for Years 5 - 10. It is an invaluable opportunity for students to learn or review their methods and ability to resuscitate a mate in a crisis if there is no-one else available.

CHOCOLATES NEW STOCK AVAILABLE!!

Thank you to all the families and students who have taken the opportunity to sell the chocolate frogs to raise funds for secondary students attending the Convention in Fiji in December. We have had a new delivery of Frog boxes so they are available from the office if you wish to assist in this fundraiser. Students who are attending the Convention are raising funds for their expenses. Any other boxes sold have the profits pooled and shared across all Convention attendees to offset expenses.
