

# “Grace for Leading”

Today I want to talk to you about leading as fathers and husbands from a point of grace. Fatherhood is a very serious assignment that God Himself has given us. Don't miss your assignment!

**There is GRACE available to lead, but the one condition to having this grace is that we humble ourselves and walk in LOVE. The other option is that we lead only out of duty and Jesus will remove His Grace.**

*Revelations 2:1-7(NLT) Give's us insight into effective leadership as “The Church” as well as individually, but the choice is up to us.*

- What is this GRACE? Vs.5 .....*I will come and remove your lamp stand from its place among the churches.....*

As a church we are to give light into the surrounding communities and as fathers we must begin at home. The first thing light does is to disperse darkness and help give clear direction. Light brings revelation, insight, comfort, healing, health, growth, security and the list goes on. If you have light you have influence.

- Influential Leadership

Influential leadership is much more effective than positional leadership. The followers actually want to follow verses having to follow. The main difference is the position from which the leader leads.

**Do you lead from a position of grace? Hebrews 4:16 So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive His mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it.**

*Story of Dena Anderson's grandpa- Paul Arnold that changed my life*

- It' our “POSITION” of love for Jesus and each other that qualifies us for this grace. *How far have you fallen from your first love with Jesus, your wife, your children and each other.*

*Real love, this kind of love, God kind of love is not fulfilled out of obligation only. It comes from DEVOTION which means “to vow completely”, total surrender. Devotion is a deep and passionate feeling.*

*1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Provides for us a spiritual dipstick in order to check our love level.*

**If your LOVE is running at a low level then you must stop and turn around. You are in serious danger of losing what influence you have. Rev 2:5 Look how far you have fallen from your first love! Turn back to me again and work as you did at first. If you don't, I will come and remove your lampstand among the churches. The NKJ says ,” you have left your first love”... Therefore your love is still there but you must activate it, stir it up.**

**There must be a spirit of repentance that begins with us fathers.**

*Malachi 4:5 Behold I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. 6 And He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.*

*Jesus is giving us a warning along with an opportunity to turn back to Him and one another today. Fathers will you turn your love back on Jesus along with your wife and children today?*

*Children will you forgive us as fathers for not leading with love and turn your love not only back to us but also to Jesus?*