Introduction: Would someone show me the “box top?”

- **The What** = “Step Up” in love

- **The How** = A man’s top 3 priorities
  1. Provision
  2. Protection
  3. Nurture

But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.

1 Timothy 5:8 (NAS)

You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

1 Peter 3:7 (NAS)

. . . (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?);

1 Timothy 3:5 (NAS)
How to “step up” in love to lead your wife and family:

1. Husbands hold primary responsibility for the _________________ 1 Timothy 5:8
   _________________ of their families.
   - **The Role** = The family “CFO/Bank President”
   - **The Responsibility** = Shelter, food, clothes, financial training
   - **The Practical Outworking** = 5 Objectives
     1. **Do** honest work
     2. **Honor** God first
     3. **Live** within your means
     4. **Prepare** for the future
     5. **Train** your children
   - **The Core Values** = To _____________________ and _____________________
     1. Work ethic
     2. Stewardship of money and time
     3. Responsibility and discipline
     4. Enjoyment and generosity
2. Husbands hold primary responsibility for the ________________
______________ and protection of their families.

1 Peter 3:7; Ephesians 6:4; Deuteronomy 6:4-9

- **The Role** = The family “______________”

- **The Responsibility** = Come before God on behalf of your family and come
  before your family on behalf of God.

- **The Practical Outworking** = 5 Objectives
  1. Set the pace personally.
  2. ________________ the spiritual condition of your wife and children.
  3. ________________ for them and with them regularly.
  4. Insure Biblical instruction occurs at home and at church.
  5. Make ________________ God and loving each other (not morality) your aim.

- **The Core Values** = To Model and Teach
  1. ________________ evidenced by prayer/fasting
  2. Faith in God and His Word
  3. A service and outreach orientation
  4. Progressive growth in personal ________________
3. Husbands hold primary responsibility for the _______ _______ welfare of their families.

   1 Timothy 5:5; Ephesians 6:4; 1 Peter 3:7

- **The Role** = The family “GM/Coach”

- **The Responsibility** = To manage the household in a manner that produces love, obedience, and respect toward God and one another.

- **The Practical Outworking** = 5 Objectives
  1. The _______ _______ is verbalized and celebrated.
  2. **Time** is scheduled to develop marriage and family relationships.
  3. _______ _______ and boundaries are provided to insure family relationships take priority over outside demands.
  4. **Communication** is built into the fabric and rhythm of the family schedule.
  5. _______ _______ are exercised fairly, firmly, and lovingly among all family members.

- **The Core Values** = To Model and Teach
  1. Acceptance – Unconditionally
  2. **Affirmation** – Specifically and consistently
  3. Accountability – Filled with truth and grace
  4. Conflict Resolution – “Speaking the truth in love"
Providing, Protecting, Nurturing

I understand that every journey begins with first steps and my first steps will be in the area of:

- Financial Provision/Responsibility
- Spiritual Development and Protection
- Relational Health and Welfare

I know that to follow through on my commitments, I will need help. I will use a “tool” to help me take an accountability step.

- **FINANCIAL**
  - Managing Our Finances God’s Way  DaveRamsey.com
    (Venture Resource Center or Crown.org)

- **SPIRITUAL**
  - Download: Passing On What Matters Most  by Chip Ingram
    Focusonthefamily.com  (Search: Family Mealtime Devotionals)

- **RELATIONAL**
  - Effective Parenting in a Defective World  by Chip Ingram
    Seven Seasons of the Man in the Mirror  by Pat Morley

☐ ASK A FRIEND TO “HOLD ME TO IT”

☐ SEEK OUT A MENTOR

☐ JOIN A MEN’S GROUP

☐ JOIN A “GROWTH GROUP”

☐ JOIN A BIBLE STUDY

Signed

Date