

Keeping the Goal in Mind

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When I reflect on the privilege of raising two sons who have turned out to be two outstanding young men (Myron C. and Adrian), I'm confident that I can place them on any platform from being invited to the White House, a corporate function, or any Church or spiritual setting. For these two, the moment wouldn't be too big. They are two of the greatest gifts God ever gave me.

As I reflect on raising sons and keeping the goal in mind, it is important that fathers realize their responsibility. Their roles do not end at conception. We need to recognize that what makes a man is not the ability to have a child but the courage to raise one.

I can't take credit for knowing how to raise my sons because I'm standing on the shoulders of a man who was my role model—my father, the deacon, O.B. Ingram. I can say many things about him, but with the instructions given me for this article ... The one thing I can say about him is he was present. I thank God for him.

I would share with fathers I see many dads who are barely present when their children were growing up. The role God gave the father is the most important one because aside from providing a safe home, the father's primary duty is being present to be the spiritual leader. That includes loving support, guidance, and encouragement in winning life's battle. Because a father has to remember that his sons will follow his example instead of his advice one day.