

# Leadership in the Family is Responsibility and Service

Following on from the prophetic message, ‘Strong Leadership Will Be Required in the Future’<sup>1</sup>, there’s a great deal more we need to know about leadership, especially in the family.

**The most important leadership role is that of a husband and a dad.** Dads need to rise up and see their role as absolutely vital for the welfare and well-roundedness of their children. Husbands need to see their role as an apostolic one – one that’s required to be carried out properly to bring order and stability to the family.

Here’s some helpful understanding about dad’s job from Warwick Marsh, Dads4Kids CEO:

*“Being a leader is a difficult job. Being a Dad is even more difficult because not only does it require you to be a leader but also a carer; lover; encourager; motivator; listener; communicator; teacher; mentor; protector; provider; spiritual guide; discipliner; driver; lawyer; sports hero; comforter; doctor; psychologist; counsellor; mechanic; navigator; story teller; truth seeker; builder; gardener; cook; cleaner; fix it man and walking encyclopaedia.”*

*“Being a Dad and being a leader is synonymous. You can’t get away from the responsibility of leadership as a father; even if you want to. As Marlene Dietrich said, “A king, realising his incompetence, can either delegate or abdicate his duties; a father can do neither.””<sup>2</sup>*

Here’s some helpful hints for dads in how to perform their leadership function:

*“Some time ago, I attended a seminar where I was handed a little cellophane bag tied with a blue ribbon, full of unusual goodies with a tag titled ‘Leadership Survival Kit’. I had never received a Leadership Survival Kit before, so I picked it up to have a good look... ”*

*“Knowing that leadership is a dangerous job, because you are the first to stick your head above the parapet and get shot at, I was eager to learn more about the contents of the Leadership Survival Kit. I was most perturbed by the unusual things I found in my little cellophane bag. They were:*

- Lifesaver candy – for the times others need your help or you need theirs.
- Band-aid – to bring healing.
- Rubber band – to remind you to be flexible.
- Puzzle piece – without you, things wouldn’t be complete.
- Toothpick – to help pick out the good qualities in others and yourself.
- Tissues - to wipe the tears of joy and sadness.
- Salt sachet – we are to bring salt and light into the world.
- Mint – to be a breath of fresh air.
- Tea bag – to remind you it’s OK to take a break and relax.
- Chocolate Heart – love is a healer and covers all things.”<sup>3</sup>

Laurence  
19-1-2020  
[www.CanberraForerunners.org](http://www.CanberraForerunners.org))

## COPYRIGHT

*Quotes are the copyright of their authors.*

*Free graphics are from [www.clker.com](http://www.clker.com) & free photos are from [commons.wikimedia.org](http://commons.wikimedia.org).*

*This document is free to copy, republish and distribute, but only ‘as is’. It is free to quote from at length.*

*All Canberra Forerunners’ documents are licensed under*

*[Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivs 3.0 Unported License](http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/3.0/)*

1 – [canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Strong-Leadership-Will-Be-Required-in-the-Future.pdf](http://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Strong-Leadership-Will-Be-Required-in-the-Future.pdf)

2 – Warwick Marsh (18-1-2020) “Leadership Survival in the Family”

[warwickmarsh.com/2020/01/18/leadership-survival-in-the-family](http://warwickmarsh.com/2020/01/18/leadership-survival-in-the-family)

3 – Warwick Marsh (18-1-2020) “Leadership Survival in the Family”

[warwickmarsh.com/2020/01/18/leadership-survival-in-the-family](http://warwickmarsh.com/2020/01/18/leadership-survival-in-the-family)