A FATHER PROTECTS

3 Letters From John – June 15, 2025

KEY SCRIPTURES

1 John 2:18–29, Proverbs 9:10; Proverbs 14:26–27; Proverbs 20:7; Psalm 91:1–4; 1 Thessalonians 2:11–12; Ephesians 6:4

KEY POINTS

- **Fathers reflect God's character** – A father's role is to mirror the Heavenly Father's protection, leadership, and love.
- **Spiritual danger is real** – The spirit of the antichrist is already active; fathers must stay alert and guard their homes.
- **Protection begins with fear of the Lord** – Wisdom and spiritual authority flow from reverence and submission to God.
- **Integrity shapes legacy** – A father's example, not just his words, determines the path his children follow.
- **Prayer is a father's greatest weapon** – Leading in prayer breaks spiritual complacency and establishes godly covering.

DISCUSSION

- What does it mean for a father to "protect" spiritually, not just physically? How does God model this for us?
- In what ways might the "spirit of the antichrist" be subtly influencing our homes today?
- Which of the five roles (provider, protector, teacher, spiritual leader, encourager) comes easiest to you—and which is hardest? Why?
- What impact does a father's integrity have on children, based on Proverbs 20:7? How can we walk in greater integrity?
- How can prayer reshape the way we protect, lead, and love our families—even if we feel like it's "too late"?

APPLICATION

- **Start on Your Knees:** Begin each day asking the Lord for help, wisdom, and the strength to fear Him and lead your home well.
- **Affirm Your Children Daily:** Don't wait for performance—speak life, identity, and worth into them regularly.
- **Guard Your Home Spiritually:** Identify and remove anything that may be influencing your family away from Christ.
- **Lead by Example:** Your integrity, even when you fail, leaves a lasting mark. Be honest. Repent when needed. Keep showing up.
- **Pray Out Loud:** Get comfortable talking to God audibly. It builds spiritual confidence and sets a powerful tone for your home.