



Series – **Home Improvement**

This series of talks is about applying God's principles into our home life. We'll discover practical ways of how to apply God's Word in making wise choices, handling anger, finances, conflict, and raising children. We will also discover the value of family, the meaning of love, and the power of forgiveness in the home.

Pt 2 – **My Dad is superman**

“Being a hero to your kids”

Joke: Three boys in the schoolyard were bragging about who had the better father. The first boy says, *“My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, and they give him \$100.”* The second boy says, *“That’s nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, and they give him \$1000.”* The third boy says, *“My Dad is ever better than that. He scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a sermon, and it takes (6 or 8) men just to collect all the money!”*

A Strategy for being a Hero to your Kids

- ***Be committed for the long haul.***

Proverbs 22:6 (gnb) *Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life.*

Be a model to your children. In your marriage, ethics, integrity (*values*), and as a spiritual switched on man for God etc. Don't try to be perfect but do try to be a good influencer.

Set up an inheritance for your kids – in the natural and in the spiritual.

- ***Focus on your children's world, not just your own.***

When Don called home from the road one evening, he spoke briefly to his nine-year-old daughter: *“Honey, could you get your mommy on the phone?”* He then heard Tasha blurt out, as she set the phone down on the counter: *“Hey Mom, the invisible man is on the phone!”*

In that moment, even before his wife got on the phone, Don went through a transformation. He couldn't laugh it off. He had to face the fact: There's something more important than achieving success at work - it's being a dad.

- ***Being available.***

Quality time is a premium. It is that simple!

- ***Invest in experiences, not things.***

Try to avoid promoting that material things are the end and be all of life – they’re not!

Teach our kids what is important – teach values.

In all experiences, help our children to learn.

- ***Be a hero to your children’s friends.***

Be a great example of love, acceptance, fun and strength to your kid’s friends.

- ***Hug your children often.***

The embrace of a hug is so important. Our kids need them often.

- ***Value them – not just their performance.***

As father’s we need to be careful that we don’t try to fulfill our unfulfilled ambitions through our children.

- ***Teach your children to compete with, and not against each other.***

This will help them work with other people when they get older and hopefully prevent a selfish attitude and a long ranger mentality.

...Take home point

Don’t try to be perfect – just be your best!