

Blake's 12th Birthday

Our Talk

1. **I Love You**
2. **Today is the beginning of a new season of your life.**
3. **You are becoming a man**
4. **Yes, I know that you are still a boy, but you are beginning a journey toward manhood today**
5. **Let me ask you a question son, what does it mean to be a man?**
6. **This is what I think it means. A man is a person who has a real relationship with god, respects authority in his life, has character, and is not afraid to work.**
7. **Son, I have been preparing you for this day since you were born. But now I'm asking you to begin preparing yourself to make the transition to manhood. Let me tell you what will make me most proud of you, these four things will also make you ready to be the man you need to be.**
 - a. **I want you have your own relationship with God**
 - i. **Prayer Life – In Pre-service Prayer**
 - ii. **Word of God – Devotional Bible**
 - iii. **Worship – Won't sit in youth section if you abandon worship.**
 - iv. **Faithfulness to God with your time, talent, and treasure – get involved in church ministry, paying your tithes.**
 - b. **I want you respect and obey authority**
 - i. **Men know who to obey – I'm submitted to my spiritual leaders.**
 - ii. **When to obey – Don't know how submitted and respectful you are till you disagree with your authority.**
 - iii. **How to obey – Obedience is not something we outgrow. You will never be old enough to do your "own thing."**
 - c. **I want you to do right, not because someone is watching you, but because you love God and fear God - Character**
 - i. **Men are honest**
 - ii. **Men make decisions based on the bible not their preferences.**
 - iii. **Men are pure in their sexuality and thought life.**
 - d. **I want you to be responsible and not afraid to do work.**
 - i. **Men do what they say they are going to do – Going to be firmer with you when you make excuses.**
 - ii. **Men responsible with money – It's time to start saving and being a good steward.**
 - iii. **Men are not afraid to work hard for their families and others – You are going to have more opportunities to support the household with your work.**
8. **What does this mean today?**

- a. You begin your journey today. It's a new day! I have too much respect for you to allow you be a child when you should be a man.
- b. *1 Cor 13:11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.*
- c. You will have 4 mentors in your life.
 - i. Bro. Ray – will teach you how to use tools and work.
 - ii. Grandpa
 - iii. Me
 - iv. CJ
- d. Present the Purity Covenant
 - i. This a promise
 - ii. Your wife is alive right now, this is a promise to her also
 - iii. This is about your future
 - iv. You will give this picture frame back to me on your wedding day to testify to me that you kept your purity. It's the greatest gift you could give to me.
 - v. If you mess up, know that I love you and always will, but I expect you to give me this frame back.
- e. Responsibilities
 - i. You will be getting yourself up for school from now on.
 - ii. No more excuses with homework
 - iii. You will be getting yourself ready for school.
 - iv. Take out the trash
 - v. Make your bed
 - vi. Mow Lawn
 - vii. Take shower every morning or evening
 - viii. You are a protector to your siblings, not a tease
 - ix. Read word every night with dad and pray.
- f. Benefits
 - i. Stay up half hour later
 - ii. Greater liberties – can walk around the mall with a friend by your selves for a while.
 - iii. If you will save for a car – I will match funds up to \$.