

Five Characteristics of Godly Fathers

1. He Is a **Protector**

- a) Where are you going to be?
- b) What will you be doing there?
- c) Who will be with you?

2. He Is a **Provider**

- a) More than Money!!
- b) Wisdom
- c) Friendship
- d) Counsel
- e) Comradery
- f) Perspective
- g) Insight
- h) Giving Spirit
- i) He adds to your life, your life is fuller and richer because he is in it, he may not make as much money as you but he contributes all he can
- j) He is made in the image of Jehovah Jireh and he lives up to the responsibility of providing for the needs of the family. His body is geared to be a giver and not a receiver.

3. He Is a **Promoter**

- a) He promotes his wife
- b) He promotes his children
- c) He promotes his friends, his family and everyone he can
- d) He uses every gift God has given him to make everyone else look good

Luke 9:35 NLT

Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him."

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James 4:7-10 NLT

So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.

Victory is Mine when the **Battle** is the Lord's.

God Does His Part, and You Must Do Your Part.

Exodus 14:13-14 NASB

But Moses said to the people, "Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the LORD which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever. The LORD will fight for you while you keep silent."

4. He Is a **Priest**

a) He is God's **Man** in the Family

Exodus 8:20 NLT

Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and there he sacrificed as burnt offerings the animals and birds that had been approved for that purpose.

Exodus 3:6 NLT

"I am the God of your father--the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."

b) He is a Man of **Prayer**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NLT

Always be joyful. **Never stop praying.** Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

1 Peter 5:7 NLT

Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

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2 Chronicles 7:14 KJV

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and **pray**, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

5. He Is a **Prophet** (*an inspired teacher or proclaimer of the will of God*)

a) He Declares the Word of God to His Family

Genesis 35:18 NLT

Rachel was about to die, but with her last breath she named the baby Ben-oni (which means "son of my sorrow"). The baby's father (Jacob), however, called him Benjamin (which means "son of my right hand").

b) He is Fully **Armored**

Ephesians 6:13-17 NLT

Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Warning to Fathers.... Don't Fight **NAKED!** *Put on the full armor of God.*

c) He loves God with all his **heart**, all his **soul**, and all his **strength**.

Deuteronomy 6:5-9 NLT

...you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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