

Biblical Examples of Fatherhood

Abraham **directed** his children

Genesis 18:19 (NIV 1984)

For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him."

Isaac **blessed** his sons

Genesis 27

David gave **Godly counsel** to his son, Solomon

1 Chronicles 28:9-10 (NIV 1984)

And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever.¹⁰ Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a temple as a sanctuary. Be strong and do the work."

Zachariah **praised God** for His goodness at the birth of John the Baptist

Luke 1:5-79

God needs **men of courage**

1 Corinthians 16:13-14 (NIV 1984)

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love.

Billy Graham's Suggestions to Fathers

1) Be sure you know Christ as your Lord and Savior

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV 1984)

without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

2) Building a good, happy, successful home takes HOME-WORK

Ephesians 6:4 (NIV 1984)

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV1984)

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

3) Invest time with your Children

Psalm 127:3-5 (NIV1984)

.....children a reward from him.⁴ Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one's youth.⁵ Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their enemies in the gate.

Deuteronomy 6:5-9 (NIV1984)

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

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4) Be a Good Example

A picture is worth a thousand words

1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV1984)

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but **set an example** for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

5) Properly correct your children

Proverbs 23:13-14 (MSG)

Don't be afraid to correct your young ones; a spanking won't kill them. A good spanking, in fact, might save them from something worse than death.

Ephesians 6:4 (KJV)

.... fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.