



Why We Need Godly Fathers

1. Earthly Fathers are to reflect the Heavenly Father's love to our children. 1 John 3:1
 - How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

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2. The Father /Child relationship is an indicator of the condition of the nation
 - “He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse.” Mal.4:6

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3. Fathers are to be examples of worship –
 - 1 Sam.1:3-5 - Year after year this man went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the LORD Almighty at Shiloh, where Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were priests of the LORD. “Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters.

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4. Our children suffer for the sin of their fathers
 - Num.14:18 - ‘The LORD is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.’
 - Jer.32:18

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5. Husbands, we are to love our wives in a way are that reflects God's love for the church
 - Eph.5:25-27 - Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the church—a love marked by giving, not getting. Christ's love makes the church whole. His words evoke her beauty. Everything he does and says is designed to bring the best out of her, dressing her in dazzling white silk, radiant with holiness. 33 Let each one of you love his wife

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6. We are not to frustrate our children. Be consistent
 - Eph.6:4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

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7. Children must know they are loved, but they must also sense God is our greatest passion –
 - Luke 14:26 -“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

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 - Reflect the love and character of Jesus!