

Five Key Duties of a Godly Father to His Children

As taught and modeled throughout the Bible by the Lord our God--- the perfect father
(Scriptures from the NIV Translation)

1. To Provide Love, Sustenance, and Protection

1 Tim 5:8

If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

2. To Teach God's Word

Deut 6:6-9

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.

3. To Train in Godly Conduct

Eph 6:4

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

4. To Discipline for Sinful Behavior

Prov 19:18

Discipline your son, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to his death.

5. To Intercede with God on Their Behalf

2 Sam 12:16

David pleaded with God for the child. He fasted and went into his house and spent the nights lying on the ground.

***A Warning to Busy Dads**

1 Sam 7:15-17 NIV 15 Samuel continued as judge over Israel all the days of his life. 16 From year to year he went on a circuit from Bethel to Gilgal to Mizpah, judging Israel in all those places. 17 But he always went back to Ramah, where his home was, and there he also judged Israel. And he built an altar there to the LORD.

1 Sam 8:1-3 NIV When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as judges for Israel. 2 The name of his firstborn was Joel and the name of his second was Abijah, and they served at Beersheba. 3 But his sons did not walk in his ways. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice.

