

7 Characteristics of A Godly Father

Joshua 24:14-18

Introduction:

A Godly Father – is not only the head of the household, but is the Spiritual leader of the house. He sets the example for his wife and children to follow. He loves unconditionally. He provides for and protects his family. He teaches his children how to know the Lord, not simply by what he says but more importantly by how he lives.

“A GOOD FATHER IS ONE OF THE MOST UNSUNG, UNPRAISED, UNNOTICED, AND UNAPPRECIATED HEROES IN ALL HUMANITY”

There are **7 characteristics** that Joshua possessed that all fathers would do well to emulate...

I. Be The Priest of His Home v.15b

- a. The father is responsible for the spiritual life of his family
- b. He is to be a man of prayer and goes to God often on behalf of his family Job 1:5
- c. He needs to be in the Word and the Word in him Josh 1:7-8

II. Be a Teacher of His Children

- a. It is the father's duty to make sure his children know how to be saved and how to walk in the ways of the Lord Deut 6:6-7
- b. Your children need to hear biblical teaching from you as a parent.
- c. Our children must be taught what to believe and how to live Prov 22:6

III. Loves His Children

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- a. Our children are a gift from God Ps 127:3
- b. We are to love our children the same way God love us. 1 Cor 13:4-8a
- c. It's not about a feeling but the will of the one doing the loving.

IV. **Be An Example to His Children**

- a. Our children are to be imitators of us 1 Cor 4:16
- b. Fathers are to not only to say "Do as I say," but also, "Do as I do."
- c. This means you need to spend time with your children so they can see your example.
- d. If you can't be a good example – then you'll just have to be a horrible warning.

V. **Disciplines His Children**

- a. We are to show our love of our children in our discipline and correction of them Prov 13:24
- b. Discipline seems unpleasant at the time but it produces a harvest of righteousness Heb 12:11

VI. **Loves His Wife**

- a. Just like Christ loved the Church Eph 5:25
- b. He is to have that 1 Cor 13:4-8a type love
- c. If he loves his wife this way she can become a Prov 31:10-31 woman.

VII. **Provides for His Family**

- a. For a father there is no greater basic responsibility than to provide for the necessities of his family 1 Tim 5:8