

The Qualities of a Godly Father

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*"For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, **that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.**" Genesis 18:19*

Fatherhood Is How Godliness is Imparted

We need to understand why fatherhood is such a big deal from a spiritual perspective; God models Himself through Godly fathers.

Satan's biggest strike against God was to damage fatherhood and complicate His place as the Father of us all.

The enemy's whole strategy is one of division. Jesus came to bring us to restoration with God our Father.

Much happens to a person when they become a follower of Christ, but the biggest is the _____ of the Heavenly Father's place in their life.

"I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:18

How you perceive God accepting you as His child will determine the biggest issues that shape your life.

*The deepest desire of our hearts is for union with God. **God created us for union with Himself:** This is the original purpose for our lives.*
- Brennan Manning

The Difference a Father Makes

1. The Father's influence provides **affirmation**.
2. The Father's care provides **validation**.
3. The influence of the Father establishes **identity**.
4. The impartation of the father transfers the _____.

These are the four critical factors of fatherhood.

God gives us His example to imitate.

Core Point: Father's are pivotal in the creation of God's people and His plan. There is an unrelenting attack on fatherhood because it is how we learn to perceive who God is in our lives.

How?

In loving.

In giving.

In forgiving.

And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. Luke 15:20

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"Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness." Genesis 1:26

1. A godly father **invests time** with his children.
2. A godly father **listens** to his children.
3. A godly father **is affectionate** to his children.
4. A godly father **gives wisdom** to his children.
5. A godly father **gives correction** to his children.
6. A godly father **believes in** his children.
7. A godly father **prays for** his children.
8. A godly father **teaches grace and forgiveness** to his children.
9. A godly father **is patient** with his children.
10. A godly father **teaches life skills** to his children.

11. A godly father imparts spiritual convictions to his children.

We see great failure in scripture of fathers not reproducing a spiritual life in their children; **there is nothing more important.**

12. A godly father **imparts a love for God** to his children.
13. A godly father **inspires character** in his children.
14. A godly father **will bless** his children.

God gives great grace, to enable us to do His will as fathers!

Core Statement: I open my life to the influence of God my Father. I experience restoration and the blessing as I receive His impartation into my life!