



What is a Father's Responsibility? Selected Scripture

Introduction: Fathers aren't you thankful for the _____ that was attached to your child when they were born? Why do you look puzzled?

Question: Is there a _____ for rearing children? I would say, _____!

- Proverbs 4:3-5 - *3 When I was my father's son, Tender and the only one in the sight of my mother, 4 He also taught me, and said to me: "Let your heart retain my words; Keep my commands, and live.*
- Joshua 24:15 - *15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."*

I. A Father is to be a _____ LEADER for his

1. _____ and modeling faith and values.

- Fathers _____ your children.
- Father's _____ Christianity before your children.

What does it mean to model?

- *1 Corinthians 11:1 – Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.*
- Fathers _____ Spiritual values to your children.

2. _____ for and with their children.

- **Fathers PRAY _____ your children.**
- *Job 1:4-5 – 4 And his sons would go and feast in their houses, each on his appointed day, and would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. 5 So it was, when the days of feasting had run their course, that Job would send and 3sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, “It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed 4 God in their hearts.” Thus Job did regularly.1*
- **Fathers PRAY _____ your children.**

What is prayer? It is _____ with God.

3. _____ with love and wisdom.

The word “disciple” means _____ (Hebrews 12:17). Fathers, we must always correct (discipline) our children in love.

- James 1:5 - “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”

II. A Father is to provide _____ Support for his children.

What is the most important factor for _____ healthy children? Parents that engage with their children.

- Ephesians 6:4 - *And fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.*

1. Build strong _____ with your children.

Every father should desire to _____ a strong relationship with their children (Read Proverbs 1-8 and see how Solomon sought to build a relationship with his son).

2. Provide a _____ and loving environment.

Fathers, your home ought to be a safe place. There should not be a safer place. Therefore,

My Unsafe Home

3. Being _____ and actively involved in your children's lives.

Make sure that your children have your _____.

Therefore,

Dad Jokes

- Proverbs 17:22 - Scripture tells us that *"laughter is good medicine."*

Other things to do with your children...

Facts about Fathers

III. A Father needs to _____ and Protect his children.

- 1 Timothy 5:8 - *But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*

1. Provide for the _____ needs of your children.

2. Ensure a _____ and stable home for your children.

3. Protect your children from _____ and danger.

Fathers are willing to pay the ultimate _____ to protect their children from harm and danger. Some of you would die for your children if someone sought to do their harm, yet many of you are very slow to protect them from the harm and danger within your home (Computer use, cell phone activity, interactive gameplay).

Young Girl Falls Through Fence

A Child-Safe Home

Aware Of Worldly Danger

Conclusion: So, there you have it – three areas of a father’s _____. They are:

I. A Father is to be a _____ Leader for his children.

1. Teaching and modeling faith and _____.
2. Praying _____ and with his children.
3. Discipline his children with _____ and wisdom.

II. A Father is to provide _____ Support for his children.

1. Build a strong _____ with your children.
2. Provide a safe and loving _____.
3. Being _____ and actively involved in your children.

III. A Father needs to _____ and Protect his children.

1. Provide for the _____ needs of your children.
2. Ensure a secure and _____ home.
3. Protect his children from _____ and danger.

Fathers, you have a responsibility to your children. _____ and be the Spiritual Father your children need you to be. Don’t settle for just being their _____ father.