

Sermon Notes - July 19, 2022

“What Does a Godly Father Look Like?” – 1 Thessalonians 2:11

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- I. **A Godly Father Provides.**
 - A. **The Word of God—Isaiah 50:4.**
 - 1. **Speak to each child, especially the Word.**
 - 2. **Give truth to each child.**
 - 3. **Provide Daily Bread and Eternal Bread for Fulness of Life.**
 - 4. **Lead to Jesus, Salvation, and an Obedient Life.**
 - B. **The Way. Know and Show the Way Forward—Deuteronomy 6:5-9.**
 - 1. **Worship God.**
 - 2. **Know God’s Word.**
 - 3. **Talk to God.**
 - 4. **Walk with God.**
 - C. **Wisdom. Prize Wisdom from God—Proverbs 4.**
 - 1. **From earliest days.**
 - 2. **Walk in the Light God gives.**
 - 3. **Practice Life from the Heart aligned with God.**
 - D. **Walk. Learn to Walk—Ephesians 6:4.**
 - 1. **Know what it means to grow.**
 - 2. **Know when to say “No,” “Slow,” “Go,” or “Grow.”**
 - 3. **Know about sowing seed.**
- II. **Don’t Provoke or Exasperate a Child—Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21.**
 - A. **Clarify Expectations—Ephesians 6:4**
 - B. **Certify Encouragements**
 - 1. **Nullify whatever is discouraging—Colossians 3:21**
 - 2. **Amplify whatever is encouraging—Proverbs 22:6**
 - 3. **Exemplify spirit priority—Acts 24:16**
- III. **A Godly Father is a Peacemaker—1 Thessalonians 2:11**
 - A. **Spend time with each child—come near—2:11.**
 - B. **Speak to where each child is—live here—2:11.**
 - C. **Set the pace for peace—deal with fears—2:11**
- IV. **A Godly Father Plans Ahead—1 Thessalonians 2:11**
 - A. **Pray, Pray, Pray!**
 - B. **Parable Perspective.**
 - C. **Plot out what is clear about God’s Will.**
 - D. **Pray for God’s Plans. What Now? Not? Next? New?**
- V. **A Godly Father Prays and Seeks the Blessing of Jesus**
 - A. **Come to Jesus, seeking His Blessing—Mark 10:13-16**
 - B. **Talk to Jesus—Matthew 19:13-15**
 - C. **Bless in Jesus’ Name—Numbers 6:24-26**
 - D. **Encourage others to Bless each child—1 Thessalonians 5:11**

Four Family Factors:

- 1. **Treat each child as a Gift from God.**
- 2. **Pray for each child, for God’s Will and Ways.**
- 3. **Love each child, being led by the Spirit.**
- 4. **Make sure each child knows he or she is Accountable to God.**