



# Being a Godly Father


Father's Day 2025







**According to Gallup, 72% of Americans believe that fatherlessness is our biggest social problem.**



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More than 20 million children live in a home without the physical presence of a father. Millions more have dads who are physically present, but emotionally absent

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Poverty

Educational  
Achievement

Substance  
Abuse

Crime

Physical &  
Emotional  
Health

Sexual Activity &  
Teen Pregnancy



Faith Assembly





# Poverty

Fatherless families are

# 44%

more likely to raise children living in poverty



# 4X

More likely to  
be raised in poverty



.2

# 90%

Of all homeless and  
runaway children  
are fatherless



.3

# Substance Abuse

Drug and  
alcohol abuse

Is greater among  
fatherless children

10X



More likely to  
abuse chemical  
substances

71%

Of all adolescent  
substance abusers  
come from a  
fatherless home





80% 

of adolescents in  
psychiatric hospitals  
come from  
fatherless homes

.7

2X

More likely to  
commit suicide



.8

## Physical & Emotional Health



Fatherless children  
experience more accidents and  
a higher rate of chronic asthma,  
headaches, and speech defects.

.9

# Educational Achievement

Fatherless children are more likely to score lower than the norm in reading and math

.10



# 9X



More likely to drop out of school

.11

Less likely to attain academic and professional qualifications in adulthood



.12



# Crime

70%

Of adolescents in  
juvenile correctional  
facilities come from  
fatherless homes



60%

Of rapists were  
raised in fatherless  
homes



11X

More likely to have  
violent behavior



20X

More likely to be  
incarcerated



# Sexual Activity & Teen Pregnancy

9X

More likely to be raped or sexually  
abused in a home without a  
biological father

.17





700%

Of teen pregnancies  
happen in  
fatherless homes

.18



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- The late rapper Tupac Shakur said, “I know for a fact that had I had a father, I’d have some discipline. I’d have more confidence. Your mother can’t calm you down the way a man can. You need a man to teach you how to be a man.”

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- A photograph of a man and a young man sitting on a light-colored sofa in a room with a white brick wall. The man on the left is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and khaki pants, gesturing with his hands as he speaks. The young man on the right is wearing a blue denim jacket over a grey hoodie and blue jeans, also gesturing with his hands. The background shows a white brick wall with some papers pinned to it.
- Father's problems are sown as seeds into children and reaped as adults
  - - Ed Cole





## 1. He knows the Heavenly Father

- The greatest heritage a man can leave his sons and daughters is not money or property, but Faith.
- Let the goal of your life be to hear your children say, "I serve the God of my father"
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A background image showing a close-up of a man and a woman holding hands. The man is wearing a blue and white striped shirt, and the woman is wearing a white top. They are standing outdoors, with a blurred background of trees and a bright sky. A large, semi-transparent watermark reading "Assembly" is overlaid diagonally across the image.

## 2. He loves his Wife

- **Husbands**, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
- <sup>26</sup> That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
- <sup>27</sup> That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.
- <sup>28</sup> So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.
- <sup>29</sup> For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:



A romantic scene of a couple holding hands against a bright sunset. The woman is on the left, wearing a blue patterned top, and the man is on the right, wearing a red and white plaid shirt. The background is a soft, golden glow from the setting sun.

## 2. He loves his wife

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- In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered. 1 Peter 3:7



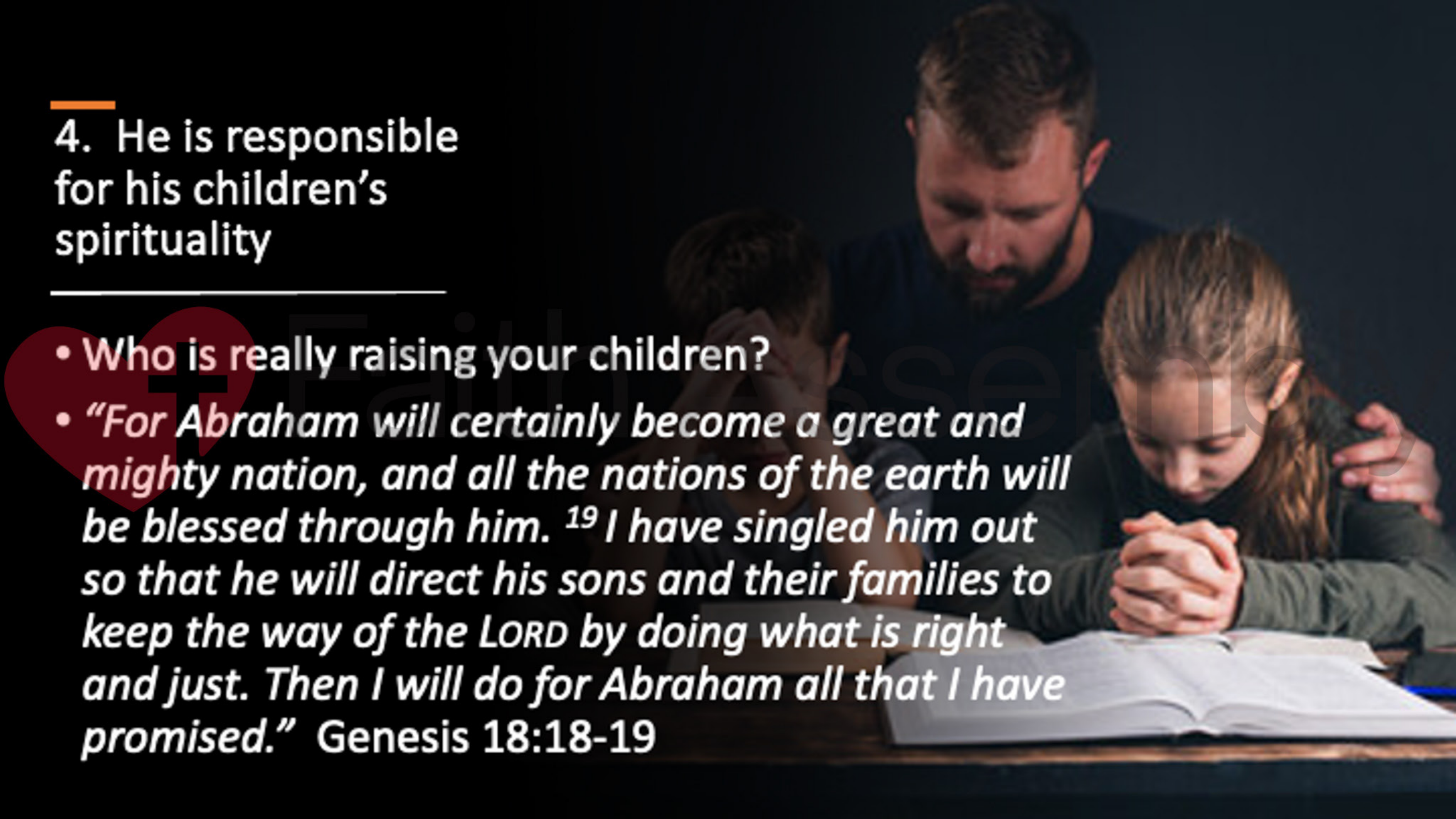
### 3. He loves his children

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- Love is not buying gifts. Love is being a gift
- Love means setting standards
- Love means correcting





A man and a woman are sitting at a table with their two children, reading a large open Bible. The man is on the left, looking down at the book. The woman is on the right, also looking down. A young boy is in the center, looking at the book. A young girl is on the right, looking at the book. The background is dark and out of focus.

#### 4. He is responsible for his children's spirituality

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- Who is really raising your children?
- *"For Abraham will certainly become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him. <sup>19</sup> I have singled him out so that he will direct his sons and their families to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just. Then I will do for Abraham all that I have promised."* Genesis 18:18-19