

Unlikely Heroes: “Dad, the Real Super Hero”

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1 Thessalonians 2:10-12 “You know, and so does God, how pure and right and without blame we were among you who believe. 11 As a father helps his children, you know how we wanted to help you and give you comfort. We told you with strong words 12 that you should live to please God. He is the One Who chose you to come into His holy nation and to share His shining greatness.”

I. His Transparent EXAMPLE

A. His DUAL Witnesses

B. His DAILY Walk

1 Thessalonians 2:10b (KJV) “How holy and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:”

II. His Powerful EXHORTATION (v. 11a)

1 Thessalonians 2:11a (KJV) “As you know how we Exhorted day in and day out.”

A. The Importance of Father INVOLVEMENT

- 39% more likely to earn mostly A's in school
- 45% less likely to repeat a grade
- 60% less likely to be suspended or expelled from school
- 2X as likely to go to college or find stable employment after high school
- 75% less likely to have a teen birth
- 80% less likely to spend time in jail
- 93% of families Follow Christ if the Dad leads

III. His Timely ENDURANCE (v. 11b)

1 Thessalonians 2:11 (KJV) “As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father does his children,”

A. Man of PATIENCE & Control

Psalms 130:3-4 (KJV) “If you, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with you, that you may be feared.”

IV. His Targeted END (v. 12)

1 Thessalonians 2:12 (KJV) “That you would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.”

7 Prayers for Your Children/Grandchildren

1. Lord, remind my children/grandchildren daily that your love for them is everlasting.
“Praise the Lord. He is good. His love never fails.” (Psalm 133:1 CEV)
2. Cultivate a grateful heart within them.
“You are my God and I will give you thanks! You are my God and I will praise you!” (Psalm 118:28 NET)
3. Help them speak the truth to others and to themselves.
“Discard every form of dishonesty and lying so that you will be known as one who always speaks the truth...” (Ephesians 4:25 TPT)
4. Fill them with joy and peace.
“I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him...” (Romans 15:13 NLT)
5. Make them a blessing to everyone they meet.
“Repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.” (1 Peter 3:9 NIV)
6. Help them to listen to Your Word and do what it says.

“... Blessed are those who hear God’s word and obey it!” (Luke 11:28 NIRV)

7. May they never walk away from You; draw their hearts ever closer.

“Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.” (James 4:8 NET)