



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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10 FATHERHOOD PRINCIPLES

The influence of a father is awesome. "One father," wrote George Herbert, "is more than a hundred schoolmasters." The influence of a father reaches through time on into eternity.

Being a good father is not easy. It requires a number of skills and virtues. The best advice a father can get is from the Bible. Here are a few Biblical principles for fathers.

1. A good father leads his children. This is following the example of great men like Abraham, of whom God said, "*For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him*" (**Genesis 18:19**).

2. A good father sets a positive example. The prophet reminds us of the consequences of a father's actions: "*...The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge*" (**Ezekiel 18:2**).

3. A father provides for his family. Paul wrote: "*But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel*" (**I Timothy 5:8**).

4. A good father educates his children. In **Ephesians 6:4**, Paul commands this of fathers. The two Greek words *PAIDEIA*, which means properly educate by discipline, and *NOUTHESIA*, which means educate by instruction, tell fathers how to properly educate children in the Christian (i.e., spiritual) life.

5. A good father honors his trust. God permits man to use one of the words (Father) used to identify Himself. What an honor! We must strive to use it honorably.

6. A good father accepts responsibility. He shares equally in being responsible for the birth of a child. Therefore, he is also responsible for the rearing of the child.

7. A father must discipline his children. This is what Eli failed to do, and as a result, God brought judgment on his house (**I Samuel 3:13**).

8. A father should love his children. All that a father does should come from a heart of love. Read **I Corinthians 13:4-7** and exchange the word, "father" for "love."

9. A father must protect his children. Satan seeks to destroy children. A wise father will be on guard against the "*wiles of the Devil*" (**I Peter 5:8**).

10. A father works on communications. He remembers the principles in **James 1:19**, "*let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.*"

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REAL MEN

Recently, I saw a bumper sticker that read: “Real men love Jesus.” The sentiment impressed me because there is such confusion over the role of men in society today. Jesus was a real man. He possessed a moral strength that shames every “wannabe” tough guy out there. So, what does a real man do?

- ❖ A real man is strong enough to protect his children and gentle enough to hold them in his arms.
- ❖ A real man does honest work for honest pay.
- ❖ A real man will pray on his knees in the sight of his children.
- ❖ A real man will return good for evil at the work place, in the church, and at home.
- ❖ A real man will teach his son to be gentle, and his daughter to be strong.
- ❖ A real man respects the elderly.
- ❖ A real man doesn't cheat his boss, his friends, or his wife.
- ❖ A real man brings his family to worship, and teaches his children God's way.
- ❖ A real man forgives.
- ❖ A real man builds, whether it's tables and walls, or the church. He knows that anyone can heap mockery and derision on another's efforts; he will lend a helping hand.
- ❖ A real man listens to children.
- ❖ A real man will admit when he is wrong, and take responsibility.
- ❖ A real man learns humility; a weak man thinks he knows it all.
- ❖ A real man takes God at His word.
- ❖ And, most importantly, **a real man loves Jesus.**