

PARENTOLOGY

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BIG IDEA...

HOW do WE develop GOD'S PLAN for better Parenting?

- 43% of US children live **without their father!**
- 90% of homeless and runaway children are from **fatherless homes!**
- 85% of all children who show behavior disorders come from **fatherless homes!**
- 80% of rapists motivated with displaced anger come from **fatherless homes!**
 - 71% of pregnant teenagers **lack a father!**
 - 63% of youth suicides are from **fatherless homes!**
- 85% of children who exhibit behavioral disorders come from **fatherless homes!**
 - 90% of adolescent repeat arsonists **live with only their mother!**
 - 71% of high school dropouts come from **fatherless homes!**
- 75% of adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers come from **fatherless homes!**
 - 70% of juveniles in state operated institutions **have no father!**
 - 85% of youths in prisons grew up in a **fatherless home!**

DAD'S...

EVERYTHING STARTS WITH YOU (or) EVERYTHING ENDS WITH YOU!

Psalm 128:1–6... Blessed is everyone who **FEARS THE LORD** - who **WALKS IN HIS WAYS!**
You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who **FEARS THE LORD!** The LORD bless you from Zion all the days of your life... **May you see your children's children!**

HOW CAN I BE A GODLY FATHER...?

1. BEING A GODLY FATHER STARTS WITH WORSHIPPING THE GOD OF YOUR FATHERS!

Proverbs 3:11–12...

"My son, do not despise the lord's **discipline** or be weary of his **reproof**, for the lord **disciplines** him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he **delights**."

Proverbs 14:26...

"In the **fear of the lord** one has strong confidence, and **his children will have a refuge**."

Proverbs 20:7... "The righteous who walks in his integrity - blessed are his children after him!"

WISDOM is not merely what a Father SAYS - but also by what he DOES!

Proverbs 26:7...

"Like a lame man's legs, which hang useless, is a proverb in the mouth of fools."

Proverbs 17:6...

"Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their fathers."

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2. BEING A GODLY FATHER MEANS PRODUCING FRUIT!

Proverbs 14:1...

"The wisest of women builds her house, but folly with her own hands tears it down."

Proverbs 31:26–28...

"Opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her."

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3. BEING A GODLY FATHER MEANS CULTIVATING YOUR KIDS!

Ephesians 6:1–4...

"Children, obey your parents in the lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and, 'That it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.' Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the lord."

***The Biblical Goal of a Father is not to CRUSH his Children...
but to CULTIVATE them!***

Proverbs 12:26...

"The righteous chooses his friends carefully."

Proverbs 27:10...

"Do not forsake your friend and your father's friend, and do not go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity. Better is a neighbor who is near than a brother who is far away."

Proverbs 22:6...

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 4:1–2...

*"Hear, o sons, a father's **instruction**, and be attentive, that you may gain insight, for I give you good precepts; do not forsake my teaching."*

Proverbs 1:4...

"To give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth."

***While fathers must avoid dumping TOO MUCH spiritual expectation on
their children - they must also avoid expecting TOO LITTLE of them!***

Proverbs 13:1...

"A wise son hears his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke."

Proverbs 19:27...

"Cease to hear instruction, my son, and you will stray from the words of knowledge."

Proverbs 23:19...

"Hear, my son, and be wise, and direct your heart in the way."

Proverbs 13:24...

"Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him."

Proverbs 23:13–14...

"Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you strike him with a rod, he will not die. If you strike him with the rod, you will save his soul from Sheol."

Proverbs 29:17...

"Discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart."

***If you don't teach your Children how to REPENT OF SIN...
They will see their time there as either Punishment or Playtime!***

***Children who are LOVED – INSTRUCTED – CORRECTED – PROVIDED FOR
and REPENTANT OF SIN... Live Sweeter Lives!***

Proverbs 23:24–25...

*"The father of the righteous will **greatly rejoice**; he who fathers a wise son will be **glad in him**.
Let your father and mother be glad; let her who bore you rejoice."*

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***4. BEING A GODLY FATHER REQUIRES ACTION THAT IS
COUNTERINTUITIVE TO CULTURE!***

Your Children and Your Wife... Are your FIRST MINISTRY!

Isaiah 8:18...

"Behold, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells on mount Zion."