The Good Father

God, in His infinite wisdom, designed and created the family structure long ago. He placed man, who was created first, as the head of the family. Even though societies and cultures attempt to normalize distortions of what defines a family, God's plan is always the best. To assure that families are successful, the Lord has given instructions and examples throughout the Scriptures. The good father will wisely refer to the pages of the inspired word for guidance as he leads his family down the correct path ending in the salvation of his loved ones.

Here is just a sample of what godly fathers do in accordance with God's word:

- Seek the Lord's Guidance in Bringing Up Children (Judges 13:8)
- Commend Their Children to Walk with the Lord (1 Kings 2:1-9)
- Show Compassion Towards Their Children (Psalm 103:13)
- Show Love through Discipline (Proverbs 3:11-12)
- Forgive Their Children's Shortcomings (Ephesians 4:32)
- Share With Them Words of Wisdom (Proverbs 4:1-10)
- Pray for the Success of Their Children (1 Chronicles 29:19)
- Leave an Inheritance for Their Children (Proverbs 13:22)
- Show an Example of Integrity (Proverbs 20:7)
- Encourage Children to Walk Worthy of God (1 Thes. 2:11-12)
- Share the Warnings of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4)
- Teach Their Children Christian Behavior (Romans 12:9-21)
- Teach Them to Love Jesus and Keep His Commands (John 14:15)
- Teach the Gospel Plan of Salvation (Mark 16:16; Rom. 10:9; Acts 2:38)
- Encourage Children to be Faithful for a Lifetime (Rev. 2:10b)

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

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