

Our children and grandchildren must see and hear:

1. Love-Love of God, love of mate, love of child (children)
2. Godly Example Dad and Mom are God's role models.
3. Consistency – In behavior, life, life, language, love
4. Discipline – standards set, standards kept, standards enforced
5. Strong Father – Positive Leadership

THESE FIVE QUALITIES ARE FOUND IN EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY CHILDREN!

## GOD'S PURPOSE FOR FATHERS

There is no more important or responsible a position in our nation than that of a Godly Father!

### I. Many of the purposes (tasks) of a Father

#### A. To Provide and protect

1. Abraham was "very rich in cattle, silver and gold Gen. 13:2
2. Some can't provide due to uncontrollable circumstances
3. Other's won't - I Tim. 5:18 – or waste their income on nonessentials

#### B. To Teach and train

1. Spiritual food must be provided – Deut. 6:7
2. Intellectual Stimulus – Luke 2:40, 52; Prov. 23:15-26
3. Involve the children early in work

#### C. Disciplining

1. Many otherwise fine fathers have failed in this aspect.  
Ex. - Eli, David, David, Samuel, Manoah
2. Warnings - Prov. 13:24; 19:18, 19; 23:13, 14; II; Eph. 6:4  
abomination – putting into the mind by word, reproof,  
discipline and reprogramming of the Lord. II Tim. 3:16, 17

#### D. Loving

1. All of the Above must be done in love.
2. In I Cor. 13:4 & 7 substitute "Father" for "Charity"

DAD, DO THESE DESCRIBE YOU? THE GREATEST GIFT  
YOU CAN GIVE CHILDREN IS LOVING FAITHFUL PARENTS.

## II. The Most Important Purpose (Task) For Every Father Is:

### A. Be A Proper Example

1. In Home – Love, Loyalty, Faithfulness To Wife
2. In Work – Honest, Diligent, Dependable
3. In Community – Caring, Sharing, Compassionate
4. In Church – Not Hypocritical, Faithfulness, Tithing, Consistent

### B. Be Prayerful

1. For Yourself
2. For Family Member
3. For Others – Needs, Salvation, Health

### C. Be Present – Absentee Fathers are the Curse of Children

## III. Total Father's Responses

Meekness not Anger

Availability not Dominance

Leading not Lazy

Diligent not Slothful

Fair not Partial

Moral not Immoral

Loyal not Unfaithful

Discerning not Judgmental