

“What the World Needs is Christian Fathers who Listen to God and Live for His Glory”

Matthew 1:18-25

We live in what could be called the “most confusing time in human history for manhood” because too many of us have embraced the absurd extremes and pedantic stereotypes rather than emphasized the biblical model of spiritual variety and vitality!

Christian Fathers...

1. _____ in harmony with God’s _____.

- 1) Joseph _____ what the Law _____. **Do you?**
- 2) Joseph _____ to follow the Law even though it was _____. **Will you?**

2. _____ to the _____ of God, especially in making critical _____.

- 1) Joseph _____ the significance of his _____. **Do you?**
- 2) Joseph _____ the _____ and _____ solution. **Will you?**

3. _____ to _____ with little attention to any opinion except God’s.

- 1) Joseph _____ on his personal life of _____. **Do you?**
- 2) Joseph _____ his whole existence in _____ with _____ the God who loved and chose Him. **Will you?**

Choose your model for manhood wisely...

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4)

Father’s Day Quotes for Christian Dads

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The role of the father is especially important in a Christian family, as he is seen as the central figure and a role model and source of strength for his children. Fathers are portrayed in the Bible as good and bad, wise and foolish, kind and jealous, but their role in the family is key.

Here is a short collection of great quotes.

Billy Graham: "A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."

Charles Spurgeon, 19th Century British Preacher, and Theologian:

"Train up a child in the way he should go—but be sure you go that way yourself."

George Herbert, Anglican Priest, Poet "One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters."

Dwight L. Moody, 19th Century American Evangelist: "A man ought to live so that everybody knows he is a Christian...and most of all, his family ought to know."

Clarence Budington Kelland, U.S. Writer: "My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it."

Kent Nerburn, U.S. Author, and Educator: "It is much easier to become a father than to be one."

Ken R. Canfield, Ph.D., The National Center for Fathering: "I like to compare the job of a father to that of a long-distance runner.

Fathering is a marathon—a long and often trying journey—and we must be disciplined if we hope to finish successfully."

George Will, U.S. Journalist: "We are given children to test us and make us more spiritual."

Psalms 103:13 (NLT): "The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him."

Dawn Walker, "The Daddy Gap": "Unfortunately, we have an enemy who knows that if he can take out the leader, he can weaken, cripple and scatter those in his wake."

Proverbs 23:24 (NLT): "The father of godly children has cause for joy. What a pleasure to have children who are wise."