

HOW TO BE A FATHER GOD'S WAY PT.2

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SIX PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FATHER

PRAY *Read, study, meditate and pray through the Scriptures until you have a clear vision of everything God wants your child to be. Meditate on the prayers of Jesus and Paul in the New Testament.*

Then through relentless and fervent prayer bring what has been birthed in your heart from the heavenly into the reality of the natural realm. Pray every day by name specific prayers. And never stop praying.

Hebrews 11:1

"**NOW FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE** (confidence, assurance, that which has actual existence, substantial quality) **OF THINGS HOPED FOR, THE EVIDENCE** (proof) **OF THINGS NOT SEEN.**"

Romans 4

19 **AND BEING NOT WEAK IN FAITH, HE CONSIDERED NOT HIS OWN BODY NOW DEAD, WHEN HE WAS ABOUT AN HUNDRED YEARS OLD, NEITHER YET THE DEADNESS OF SARA'S WOMB:**
20 **HE STAGGERED NOT AT THE PROMISE OF GOD THROUGH UNBELIEF; BUT WAS STRONG IN FAITH, GIVING GLORY TO GOD;**

James 5:16

"**THE EFFECTUAL** (energeo - at work, active, accomplish, perform) **FERVENT** (beg, beseech, implore) **PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVAILETH** (to be strong enough, to have power) **MUCH.**"

"GEORGE MUELLER, the great Victorian Christian and social reformer, tells a story of persistent prayer in his diary:

In November 1844, I began to pray for the conversion of five individuals. I prayed every day without a single intermission, whether sick or in health, on the land, on the sea, and whatever the pressure of my engagements might be. Eighteen months elapsed before the first of the five was converted. I thanked God and prayed on for the others. Five years elapsed, and then the second was converted. I thanked God for the second, and prayed on for the other three. Day by day, I continued to pray for them, and six years passed before the third was converted. I thanked God for the three, and went on praying for the other two. These two remained unconverted.

Thirty-six years later he wrote that the other two, sons of one of Mueller's friends, were still not converted. He wrote, "But I hope in God, I pray on, and look for the answer. They are not converted yet, but they will be." In 1897, fifty-two years after he began to pray daily, without interruption, for these two men, they were finally converted—but after he died!"

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LEAD

Proverbs 22:6

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

Children grow up into their parents just as Christians grow up into Christ. What kind of a person - mold - example - template are you giving them to grow into?

Ephesians 4:15 "But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."

2 Timothy 1:5 "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also."

You are your child's first snapshot of God. They convey and transfer onto God what they see in their parents. What kind of a picture of the invisible God are you giving?

Through the process of daily life, you are forming their first and only conscience they will carry with them throughout their life. Are you molding a Godly conscience or creating a monster?

Are you creating the spiritual momentum of serving God for your child against the tides and currents of evil in this world? Are you their shield and protector against sin and Satan?

Ephesians 5:23

"For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour (soter - savior, deliverer, preserver) of the body."

1 Corinthians 7:14

"For the unbelieving husband is sanctified (to separate, purify) by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified (to separate, purify) by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy."

What are you teaching your children about leadership, authority and parenting; that authority is dictatorship used for selfish ambition or that authority is servanthood for the good of those under its protection? Are your children inspired to follow your example or coerced to follow by force or manipulation?

John 13:4–17

14 If I then, your lord and master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15 for I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

WHAT MAKES A STRONG SPIRITUAL LEADER:

- **SET COURSE** - *divided loyalties, double-mindedness, and hypocrisy render the leader indecisive and impotent with no conviction*
- **BIBLICALLY SOUND** - *only when the Word of God is the Source of all wisdom and the Rule of all conduct will your family be safe, strong and stable*
- **MORALLY PURE** - *secret sins pollute, corrupt and destroy from within all spiritual health, soundness and goodness*
- **CONSCIENCE CLEAR** - *when you have a guilty conscience, you are doubtful and afraid, having no confidence that God is with you or for you*

TEACH

TEACH YOUR CHILDREN THE COVENANT AND DOCTRINE OF GOD.

The parents are responsible before God to teach their children the Word of God, no one else.

Psalm 78:2–7

5 FOR HE ESTABLISHED A TESTIMONY IN JACOB, AND APPOINTED A LAW IN ISRAEL, WHICH HE COMMANDED OUR FATHERS, THAT THEY SHOULD MAKE THEM KNOWN TO THEIR CHILDREN:

6 THAT THE GENERATION TO COME MIGHT KNOW THEM, EVEN THE CHILDREN WHICH SHOULD BE BORN; WHO SHOULD ARISE AND DECLARE THEM TO THEIR CHILDREN:

TEACH YOUR CHILDREN YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY AND WALK WITH GOD.

God will be real to your children if He's real to you. Is God your reality, or just your religion?

Deuteronomy 4:9–10

9 ONLY TAKE HEED TO THYSELF, AND KEEP THY SOUL DILIGENTLY, LEST THOU FORGET THE THINGS WHICH THINE EYES HAVE SEEN, AND LEST THEY DEPART FROM THY HEART ALL THE DAYS OF THY LIFE: BUT TEACH THEM THY SONS, AND THY SONS' SONS;

10 SPECIALY THE DAY THAT THOU STOODEST BEFORE THE LORD THY GOD IN HOREB, WHEN THE LORD SAID UNTO ME, GATHER ME THE PEOPLE TOGETHER, AND I WILL MAKE THEM HEAR MY WORDS, THAT THEY MAY LEARN TO FEAR ME ALL THE DAYS THAT THEY SHALL LIVE UPON THE EARTH, AND THAT THEY MAY TEACH THEIR CHILDREN.

TEACH YOUR CHILDREN HOW GOD'S WORD APPLIES TO EVERYDAY LIFE.

The parent must train the child in the relevancy of the Bible for anything and everything they will ever face in life. The child must grow up knowing the Bible is the only rule and standard for life and conduct.

Deuteronomy 6:7

7 AND THOU SHALT TEACH THEM DILIGENTLY UNTO THY CHILDREN, AND SHALT TALK OF THEM WHEN THOU SITTEST IN THINE HOUSE, AND WHEN THOU WALKEST BY THE WAY, AND WHEN THOU LIEST DOWN, AND WHEN THOU RISEST UP.

PREPARE YOUR CHILDREN FOR LIFE

Only the Word of God will prepare your child and keep them safe from the error and evil of this world.

2 Timothy 3:13–17

13 BUT EVIL MEN AND SEDUCERS SHALL WAX WORSE AND WORSE, DECEIVING, AND BEING DECEIVED.

14 BUT CONTINUE THOU IN THE THINGS WHICH THOU HAST LEARNED AND HAST BEEN ASSURED OF, KNOWING OF WHOM THOU HAST LEARNED THEM;

15 AND THAT FROM A CHILD THOU HAST KNOWN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, WHICH ARE ABLE TO MAKE THEE WISE UNTO SALVATION THROUGH FAITH WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS.

16 ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD, AND IS PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS:

17 THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE PERFECT, THOROUGHLY FURNISHED UNTO ALL GOOD WORKS.

DISCIPLINE

THE PURPOSE OF DISCIPLINE IS THE BREAKING OF SELF-WILL. IF THE CHILD NEVER LEARNS HOW TO SUBMIT TO THE PARENT, YOU HAVE RETARDED AND CRIPPLED THEM FOR SUBMISSION TO GOD.

GODLY DISCIPLINE TEACHES A CHILD:

- how to submit and obey contrary to personal desires
- respect for authority
- responsibility and consequences for actions

Proverbs 22:15

"FOOLISHNESS IS BOUND IN THE HEART OF A CHILD; BUT THE ROD OF CORRECTION SHALL DRIVE IT FAR FROM HIM."

Proverbs 29:15

"THE ROD AND REPROOF GIVE WISDOM; BUT A CHILD LEFT TO HIMSELF BRINGETH HIS MOTHER TO SHAME."

Proverbs 19:18

"CHASTEN THY SON WHILE THERE IS HOPE, AND LET NOT THY SOUL SPARE FOR HIS CRYING."

Proverbs 23:13

"WITHHOLD NOT CORRECTION FROM THE CHILD: FOR IF THOU BEATEST HIM WITH THE ROD, HE SHALL NOT DIE."

Proverbs 13:24

"HE THAT SPARETH HIS ROD HATETH HIS SON: BUT HE THAT LOVETH HIM CHASTENETH HIM BETIMES."

Hebrews 12:7–11

7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; **FOR WHAT SON IS HE WHOM THE FATHER CHASTENETH NOT?**

8 **BUT IF YE BE WITHOUT CHASTISEMENT, WHEREOF ALL ARE PARTAKERS, THEN ARE YE BASTARDS, AND NOT SONS.**

9 **FURTHERMORE WE HAVE HAD FATHERS OF OUR FLESH WHICH CORRECTED US, AND WE GAVE THEM REVERENCE: SHALL WE NOT MUCH RATHER BE IN SUBJECTION UNTO THE FATHER OF SPIRITS, AND LIVE?**

NOTE the clear correlation between reverence and submission to parents and reverence and submission to God "...shall we not much rather..."

10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

11 **NOW NO CHASTENING FOR THE PRESENT SEEMETH TO BE JOYOUS, BUT GRIEVOUS: NEVERTHELESS AFTERWARD IT YIELDETH THE PEACEABLE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS UNTO THEM WHICH ARE EXERCISED THEREBY.**

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BROKEN WILL AND A BROKEN SPIRIT?

- *discipline without the assurance of love*
- *conditional love based upon performance*
- *discipline administered in anger or temper*
- *discipline administered with humiliation, demoralization, belittling, condemnation*

Proverbs 15:13

"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: **BUT BY SORROW** (*hurt, injury, pain, wound, trauma*) **OF THE HEART THE SPIRIT IS BROKEN** (*unmercifully beaten, hopelessness, smitten*)."

Psalm 147:3

"HE HEALETH THE BROKEN IN HEART, AND BINDETH UP THEIR WOUNDS."

Luke 22:31–34

31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

32 But **I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not:** and **when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.**

33 And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death.

34 And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

How do I break the will without breaking the spirit?

1. Unconditional love - I'll never stop loving you and praying for you.
2. This isn't the end - don't give up.
3. There is great meaning and purpose ahead.