

“Scriptural Directives for Fathers” Deuteronomy 6:4-7; Ephesians 6:1-4

The world today is pulling at our kids – and pulling hard. Children need the help of parents even though they may not ask for it. The primary responsibility for proper parenting falls upon the father as leader in the home.

The biblical task of the father is to nurture his children, teaching them to love and obey God. Children are a serious responsibility. At the very beginning of history when God created this world he proclaimed that – it is not good for man to be alone, and thru Adam he created the institution of family. Families are the soul of a nation. In our own nation many fathers have forsaken their God-given responsibilities to their children.

We will examine four biblical directives for us Fathers on this Father’s Day from Deut. 6:4-7 and Ephesians 6:1-4

Remember the Law came first – before Grace!

- An absolute standard of behavior is the only context in which a child can learn biblical obedience.
- By experiencing law, a child learns to rejoice that his father limits him from being wasted by his own immaturity
- The primary responsibility for proper parenting falls upon the father as leader in the home
- Families are the soul of a nation
- “for the first time in the history of human kind the overwhelming majority of little boys and little girls continued under the direct domination and supervision of ladies, until they reached maturity. This has never happened before in history . . . Most of us have not even noticed this change, nor do we have any idea of it’s radicality” —Marion Levy

Four biblical directives for fathers

I. We need to teach our children the Word of God. Deut. 6: 5-7

II. We need to teach our children to obey.

- a grief to his mother 10:1;17:25

- a rebel to his father 15:5
 - a sorrow to his father 17:21, 25
 - a disaster to his father 19:13
 - a disgrace to his parents 19:26
 - a user of his parents 28:24
- Obedient children will honor their father and mother Eph. 6:2

God promises that if we honor our father and mother we will

1. Live well – quality of life
2. Live long – quantity of life

III. We are commanded not to provoke our children to anger.

- Favoring one child over another
- Being overly strict
- Comparing them with others
- Pushing them beyond their abilities
- Being impatient with them
- Not giving them time or listening to them
- Always complaining & not giving enough encouragement

IV. We are commanded to bring our children up in the discipline & instruction of the Lord.

- This is what we as Fathers are commanded to do –
Discipline and Instruction which correlates to
Correction and Counsel

God intended children to be a joy and this will only happen if they are raised according to God's principles.

Whether you like it or not you are an example for your children.
BE A GOOD ONE!

1. Be diligent in teaching your children towards righteousness.
2. Discipline them with consistency in a biblical manner.
3. Create a positive atmosphere in the home for their spiritual growth.
4. Seek to emulate Christ in your fatherhood.

Remember our children are God's messengers to future generations