

A Father After God's Heart

I want to suggest some Scriptural Direction that each father ought to seriously consider.

Let's consider these directions by following the form of an acrostic or FATHER with biblical support.

The Father is to be:

I. F – FAITHFUL:

a. To God:

Deuteronomy 6:5 God is to always have 1st. place

b. To his wife:

Ephesians 5:25 In the marriage union, you sir,
are responsible to be faithful to your wife as Christ is to the church.

C. To his children:

Ephesians 6:4 A wise parent seeks to make obedience desirable and attainable by love and gentleness.

The same way that our heavenly Father relates to His children!

II. A – AN ANCHOR:

- Anchor: "any device that can be used to hold an object safely in place".

Families are under severe attack from all angles.

Every family needs the father to be an anchor.

Men do not be looking to your wife to fulfill that role!

III. T – TRANSPARENT:

Titus 2:7

It is one thing to give our children instruction – it's another to set an example for them.

A transparent family man allows his children to see him respond to every situation.

Because they will learn how to deal with those situations by watching you deal with them.

IV. H – HARD WORKING

1 Timothy 5:8

Hard worker encompasses:

Providing for his family's physical needs, mental and emotional needs, spiritual needs.

V. E – ELASTIC

John 16:33

We need to be flexible in how we raise our children.

What works for one does not necessarily work for another

There are times when you as a father are going to be stretched.

Difficult times come. They will. It's inevitable.

Jesus will help us be the best fathers we can be.

VI. R – RESPECTED

Romans 14:17-18

Our lives should be such that we are respected by God, by our family, and by our community.

Not that everyone will necessarily love us but they will have to respect us.

Conclusion:

As fathers:

1. We are to do everything in our power to be God's representatives and positive role models.
2. We are to do everything in our power to encourage our children in their life's journey.