

## Characteristics of a Good Godly Father

### A. Good Godly Fathers to Imitate.

1. Our Heavenly Father, our Creator, is the ultimate example of our Good Father God. Genesis to Revelation
2. Abraham, loved God so much that he was obedient to sacrifice, Isaac, his beloved son of a miracle, as an offering to God, having the faith to believe God's Word, that he would be a father of many nations. Gen 22:1-19 (NKJV)  
Gen 17:5 (NKJV)
  - a. Abraham is referred to as the "Father of Faith." Rom 4:11 (TPT)  
(The Passion Translation)  
It was later that he received the external sign of circumcision as a seal to confirm that God had already transferred his righteousness to him by faith, while he was still uncircumcised. So now this qualifies him to become the father of all who believe among the non-Jewish people and like their "father of faith," Abraham. God also transfers His righteousness to them by faith.
3. Joseph, Mary's husband, was the earthly father figure to Jesus.
  - a. He treated Jesus as if he were his own son.
  - b. He protected him by fleeing to Egypt.
  - c. He educated Jesus.
  - d. He taught Jesus a trade to be a carpenter.

### B. One of Satan's Strategies is to Attack the Family Unit by Removing the Head.

1. Currently, in the U.S.A., 1 out of 3 children are without a father in the home.
2. The result of being fatherless:
  - a. Many of those children drop out of school.
  - b. Many of those children become incarcerated in prison.
  - c. Many of those girls are 4 times more likely to get pregnant as a teenager.

### C. Let's Focus on Some of the Many Christian Characteristics of a Good Godly Man and Father.

1. A man who is a godly person, and/or husband, and father.
  - a. And did not God make [you and your wife] one [flesh]? Malachi 2:15 (AMPC)  
Did not One make you and preserve your spirit alive? And why (Amplified Classic)  
[did God make you two] one? Because He sought a godly offspring [from your union].  
Therefore take heed to yourselves, and let no one deal treacherously and be faithless to the wife of his youth.
2. A man who is good lets his love be sincere (a real thing) and hates what is evil, loathes all ungodliness, turns in horror from wickedness, but holds fast to that which is good. Rom 12:9 (AMPC)
3. A man who is a loving, kind father loves his children – (with tender feelings), so the Lord loves those who reverence Him and honors Him Ps 103:13 (TPT, GNT AMPC.)  
(The Passion Translation, Good News Translation & Amplified Classic)
4. A man who is joyful with the joy of the Lord has strength. Neh 8:10 (AMPC)
5. A man who is peaceful and leads a quiet life in all godliness. 1 Tim 2:2 (NKJV)
6. A man who is patient in all. 1 Thess 5:14 (NKJV)
7. A man who is gentle.
  - a. A gentle answer quiets anger, but a harsh one stirs it up. Prov 15:1 (GNT & TPT)
  - b. Respond gently when you are confronted and you'll defuse the rage of another. Responding with sharp, cutting words will only make it worse. Don't you know that being angry can ruin the testimony of even the wisest of men?

8. A man who is faithful and full of faith.
  - a. Whoever is faithful in small matters will be faithful in large ones; whoever is dishonest in small matters will be dishonest in large ones. Luke 16:10 (GNT)
  - b. He who is full of faith believes that whatever he asks in prayer, believes that he has received it.. Mark 11:24 (ESV, TPT)  
Matt 21:22 (TPT)
9. A man who is humble God teaches him His way.
  - a. God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Ps 25:9 (ESV)  
James 4:6 (ESV)
10. A man who is exercising self-control in all things lest (to prevent that) after preaching to others he himself should be disqualified. 1 Cor 9:25, 26 (ESV)  
(English Standard Version)
11. A man who is an honest (truthful) witness tells the truth, but a false witness tells lies. Prov 12:17 (NIV)
12. A man who is full of integrity (and trustworthiness).
  - a. The righteous man, a lover of God, walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him, having a godly parent as their example. Prov 20:7 (NKJ & TPT)
13. A man who is an effective teacher.
  - a. <sup>1</sup> Listen to my correction, my children, for I speak to you as your father. Let discernment enter your heart and you will grow wise with the understanding I impart. <sup>2</sup> My revelation - truth is a gift to you, so remain faithful to my instruction. Prov 4:1-2 (TPT & NKJ)
14. A man who is a good provider.
  - a. <sup>9</sup> Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? <sup>11</sup> If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give (provide) good things to those who ask Him! Matt 7:9-11 (NKJV)
15. A man who is a disciplinarian, not cruel or mean.
  - a. <sup>11</sup> My son, do not despise the chastening (disciplining) of the LORD, nor detest His correction (discipline); <sup>12</sup> For whom the LORD loves He corrects (trains), Just as a father the son *in whom* he delights. Prov 3:11-12 (NKJV)
16. A man who is a protector (strong and powerful).
  - a. He alone protects and saves me; he is my defender, and I shall never be defeated. Deut 31:6 (GNT)
17. A man who is righteous.
  - a. I have not seen the (uncompromisingly) righteous forsaken, nor his descendants (seed) begging bread. Ps 37:25 (NKJV & AMPC)
18. A man who is courageous is alert *and* on guard; stands firm in faith (of your conviction respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, keeping the trust and holy fervor born of faith and a part of it). Act like a man and be courageous; grow in strength! 1 Cor 16:13 (AMPC)
19. A man who is wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish son is a sorrow to his mother..
  - a. The wise bite their tongue (not giving full vent to his rage) and holds back all he could say. Prov 10:1 (ESV)  
Prov 29:11 (TPT)
20. A man who is forgiving, who admits he was wrong; and apologizes.
  - a. If he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him. Luke 17:3-4 (ESV)
  - b. Jesus said to forgive up to seventy times seven. Matt 18:22 (NKJV)