

THE HEART OF A FATHER By Jarrod Davidoff June 20, 2021

In life it's important for us to have Godly role models and mentors and there is no one more deserving of looking at as the ultimate Father than God.

For the men, women and children listening to me now, know that God loves you very much and He wants to be intimately involved in your life. He has great plans for you that He designed before you were ever born and He wants to reveal them to you and help you accomplish them.

If things haven't quite gone well for you in life, know that there is an evil enemy called the devil who hates God and hates His creation you. He has been the one scheming, deceiving, plotting and messing up your life. BUT GOD...

But God loves you and is here to set you free and put you on the path of victory.

If you are open to God, obedient to His word and willing to follow Him, your life will be radically transformed for the better and you will look back in a year or more and with joy in your heart, singing in your voice and even dancing in your body SAY LOOK WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE.

SONG: Look what the Lord has done

Today I want us to look at the behavior of God as a spiritual Father and look at some things we can do in our behavior to be better natural and spiritual fathers

THE LOVE OF GOD

God's heart towards us is love. Many people have lied about God or given Him a false image.

When people can't explain things they blame God.

Insurance policies they blame devastating disasters as an act of GOD. Do you know what I call that? FAKE NEWS.

In the movies someone dies and at the funeral the priest gets up and blames God saying ‘The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. FAKE NEWS.

Someone has a terrible accident or gets a disease and some say’ ‘My dear brother or sister, maybe Gods trying to teach you a lesson. FAKE NEWS.

These characters have clearly never read the bible. Jesus said in

John 10:10 that satan comes to steal, kill and destroy and I have come to give you life and more abundantly’

Psalm 91:1-16 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions (FEATHERS) , and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, ..

SO HERE WE CAN SEE THAT GOD IS POWERFUL AND WANTS TO PROTECT US. I LIKE THAT. GOD IS A PROTECTOR OF HIS CHILDREN.

Mark 10:13-16 And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

You can tell a lot about a person by the way they treat children and here JESUS shows His love for children and how He values them

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

HIS SACRIFICE FOR US WAS THE ULTIMATE PORTRAYAL OF HIS LOVE.

1 John 4:8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

NOW THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED THAT GOD IS A GOD OF LOVE AND THAT HE LOVES HIS CREATION.

LET US NOW LOOK AT THE LOVE A HUMAN FATHER SHOULD HAVE TOWARDS HIS CHILDREN.

HERE ARE SOME PRINCIPLES OF THE HEART OF A FATHER:

1. THE HEART OF A FATHER IS TO LOVE HIS CHILD

As fathers we need to love our kids, even if we didn't get it ourselves from our fathers as kids.

We need to break that family curse and cycle.

So many kids in outreaches share they abused and neglected..

I tell my kids a few times a day; look me in the eyes, I hug them, speak life over them, support them encourage them

Proverbs 17:6 the glory of children is their fathers.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

THE PRODIGAL SON

We read about the prodigal son in

Luke 15:20 But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. **21** And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

22 “But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put *it* on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on *his* feet. **23** And bring the fatted calf here and kill *it*, and let us eat and be merry; **24** for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry.

Even though his son deserted his father, his father embrace him and celebrated his return.

2. THE HEART OF A FATHER IS TO TRAIN HIS CHILD

We need to be intentional as Fathers in training our children.

In the word.

In the world.

In their calling.

I was a tennis coach for 8 years and came out of retirement to train just by boys.
REPETITION Is the mother of study. Muscle memory.

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

MY KIDS

- Sharing stories about David, Joseph, Daniel, Samson, Apostles, PART OF THE FAMILY.
- Guys you can do what they did
- bible reading
- bible quiz, asking them questions and then repeating
- sharing about the Lord.

I train them to play tennis as I used to be a coach.

Eli was a prophet of God who didn't train his children and as a result God took the priesthood from his lineage.

Paul said to **Timothy 2:1-5** when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.

2 Timothy 3:14-15 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

We need to be intentional. We don't want the media and false voices so we must teach them

Psalm 127:3-5 Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

-I said to my kids that I'm coming out of retirement to train the 2 best tennis players in the world. I said to them that I don't train average. That's in tennis but life.

I'm training you to be men of God, Champions. Eternity Church and save the world foundation. We aim to lead 1 billion souls to Jesus.

3. THE HEART OF A FATHER IS TO CORRECT HIS CHILD

Part of training is correcting. Best to correct when they are young and pliable. It's tough to change bad habits. It can be done, but best start now.

If we let our kids go unchecked they start forming little attitudes that become habit then essence. We need to correct them in love.

Speak life to them.

Proverbs 13:24 Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.

Hebrew word for “**rod**” (shebet) one can see that in the **Hebrew** dictionary it has various meanings, a stick for walking, writing, fighting, ruling, and punishment. The word “shebet” **is** most frequently used when referring to shepherds who are tending their flocks.

It's to guide them in the right direction.

4. THE HEART OF A FATHER IS TO PROVIDE FOR HIS CHILD

I want to encourage you as children who have parents to be grateful for all they have ever given you. Meals, food, vacations, clothes, cars, some even houses

For you fathers and parents that love your kids I want to bless you and say well done for looking after your kids and for trying your best to provide for them.

I know in my life my mom had to work hard earning a humble salary to look after and raise my sister and I.

When Lucinda and I got married our moms were widows and couldn't afford to pay for our wedding YET GOD provided. My heavenly Father stepped in.

90% Room discount in \$500 a night room

50% food discount on wedding

Venue was free

Wedding dress

My suite

Honeymoon-2 weeks 90% discount

Even in recent years things have even been tough on us in ministry. There have been times when our personal bank account was small to slim. As a father the devil can make you feel so small and attacks one's self image and ability to provide.

Yet when all is said and done we look to the Lord who is our provider. As a tither we have tithing rights where He promises to rebuke the devourer.

Yet unfortunately some human fathers have just left their kids when mama is pregnant. This is so wrong. If your dad left when you were young that was wrong and it must have been very hard for you.

Allow God to heal you.

Proverbs 19:14 House and wealth are inherited from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the LORD.

1 Timothy 5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

As men we need to work. That means bringing finances into the home to take care of your home.

That means working 2-3 jobs if that's what it takes.

As you are faithful and diligent the Lord will bless you.

GREATEST WAY TO BE BLESSED: TITHING

I teach my boys to tithe and give.

Cody recently said dad I want to give \$1000 to the Lord.

That's a big part of his life savings. I must admit I waited about 2 weeks and he said dad did give my \$1000 to the Lord.

I said no I will. About a week later he said dad did you give my \$1000 to the Lord. Lucinda went that day and transferred from his account to the church.

We have been believing for great coaches to come around Cody for tennis and he now has 4 of us training him 8 hours a week for the fraction a quarter the cost of a coach as the Lord touched these coaches.

SOME HELPFUL NOTES FOR CHILDREN:

Exodus 20:12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the **LORD** your God is giving you.

Be grateful for all you have been given.

Proverbs 1:8-9 Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.

Proverbs 20:11 Even a child makes himself known by his acts, by whether his conduct is pure and upright.

Isaiah 54:13 All your children shall be taught by the **LORD**, and great shall be the peace of your children.

Ephesians 6:1-4 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

1 John 3:18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.