



2 Corinthians 6:18 | SCRIPTURE

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5 Things God Expects from Christian Dad | SERMON

*"It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father." –Pope John XXIII*

8 Types of Dads (Chris Hippe)

- The Missing in Action Man.
- The Deadbeat Dad.
- The Addicted Dad.
- The Mr. Nice Guy.
- The Selfish Dad.
- The Party Hearty Pop.
- The Domineering Dad.
- The Good Dad.

1. A godly father needs to know the heavenly Father.

*"I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:18*

2. A godly has the power to break the cycle inherited from previous generations.

*"If, however, he begets a son who sees all the sins which his father has done, and considers but does not do likewise; Ezekiel 18:14*

*"Those from among you shall build the old waste places; You shall raise up the foundations of many generations; And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In." Isaiah 58:12*

3. A godly father must first be a godly man.

A Pew Research Center study of 130 countries shows that the U.S. has the highest rate of children in single-parent households:

Most research points to two major causes for the growth in fatherlessness since the early 1960s: divorce and out-of-wedlock births.

*"I go the way of all the earth; be strong, therefore, and prove yourself a man. 1 Kings 2:2*

*And keep the charge of the LORD your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn; 1 Kings 2:3*

Male - Boy - Man - Husband - Father.

You're male by birth but man by choice.

4. A godly father must turn his heart toward his children.

*"And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse." Malachi 4:6*

NOTES



*"Fathering is not something perfect men do, but something that perfects the man." –Frank Pittman*

Turn your heart toward children by:

- Love their mother.
- Love and care for them (Ps 103:13; Jn 16:27; 1 Jn 3:1)
- Provide for them (Mt 7:7-11)
- Instruct them (Prov 4:1-2)
- Discipline them (Prov 12:11; 13:24; 22:15)
- Don't provoke them to anger (Eph 6:4)

*"And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4*

5. A godly father is a spiritual fighter.

*"And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, 'Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses.'" Nehemiah 4:14*