

God's Kingdom On-mission: Revealing Godly Manhood

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Acts 13:1-13

1. Godly men listen to the Holy Spirit. vv.1-4
They dial out distractions.
1 John 2:15-17
They dial in God's voice.
John 10:27-30
2. Godly men stand together in the strength of the Lord. vv.2-5
1 Corinthians 15:58
The Christians in Antioch stood with their leaders.
The leaders stood strong with one another.
Mark 3:24
3. Godly men obey the leadership of the Lord. vv.3-6
They go wherever the Lord leads.
They do whatever the Lord pleases.
Ephesians 5:10
4. Godly men overcome evil by the power of Christ. vv.6-11
Romans 12:21
They are able to recognize evil. vv.6-8
They are not afraid to criticize evil. vv.9-10
Ephesians 5:11
They take action to neutralize evil. v.11
5. Godly men seek to love God with all they are & all they have.
They seek God with their whole head. v.7
Proverbs 1:7-9
They trust God with their whole heart. v.12
Romans 10:9-10
They serve God with their whole body. v.13
1 Corinthians 6:19-20



A note to Dads on this Father's Day

"Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding."
Proverbs 4:1

Its good to be mindful that, amongst other things, God's Word is a book of standards. It's a book of ideals. It's a book of wisdom to be followed. No human being is perfect but Jesus. However, as disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, we are called to strive to become more and more like Him. So, to all Dads, note that the following biblical insights are to encourage you to seek to be all that the Lord would have you to be as an earthly Dad. And they are to encourage you to seek to become more and more like the Lord Jesus, and our Heavenly Father. He is the model for us all.

As Dads, none of us have arrived. We are all in desperate need of God's grace to be the kind of Dad we need to be. Let's pray for each other, and always strive daily to be the faithful Christian fathers God has called us to be.

This Father's Day, please take a few minutes to read these truths from Pastor Joseph Parker:

A Faithful Christian Father

God gives us in His Word some of the most important characteristics or attributes of a faithful Christian father. We can find some of those characteristics in both the Old and New Testament. What are some of those characteristics? Let's consider a few:

- 1) He has received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of his life. John 3:16, and Romans 10:9
- 2) He seeks to read the Word of God daily for himself. Psalm 1, and Psalm 119:105
- 3) He spends time in prayer daily. Mark 1:35 and Philipians 4:6-7
- 4) He seeks to have a time daily to bring the family together to read the Word of God, teach from the Word, and pray together. Deuteronomy 6:1-9, and Ephesians 6:1-4.
- 5) He takes and/or makes time to train and instruct his children, teaching them about God, the Word of God, and teaching them wisdom for all areas of life. Deuteronomy 6: 1 - 9, Proverbs 2: 1-9, Proverbs 3: 1-2, Proverbs 4: 1-6.
- 6) He seeks to lead and take his family to church regularly - such as worship service on Sundays and Bible studies on Wednesdays. Joshua 24:15, and Hebrews 10:24-25
- 7) He has a sense of mission in his life. He seeks with passion to fulfill the specific call of God on his life, whatever that calling may be. Romans 12:1 - 2, Colossians 3:1-3.
- 8) He works hard to provide for his family. I Timothy 5:8. (God gave Adam a job before He gave him a wife in Genesis 2.)
- 9) He is a protector for his family. Matthew 1-2.
- 10) He lives the life of a good role model for his family and others. Joshua 24:15.

The world in which we live is in tremendous need of the ministry of faithful Christian fathers. Pray that God will raise up many of them who understand the important place and call of God upon them to be men after God's own heart in their home and in society and culture as well.

Joseph Parker is a pastor and serves on staff at American Family Association. Joseph shared this lesson during our morning devotion this week. I thought you would enjoy his teaching too.

Sincerely,
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