

How To Be A Good Father”

- 1.- **Love Your Wife** – Your children learn their concept of marriage from YOU. **Ephesians 5:28** – “*So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.*”
- 2.- **Don’t Expect Perfect Children** – Don’t expect them to be just like you. **Colossians 3:21** – “*Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.*”
- 3.- **Enjoy Your Children** – **Psalms 127:3** – “*Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward.*”
Don’t give your children your left-over time.
- 4.- **Listen To Your Children** – They need YOU, not cartoons & video games. **Proverbs 1:5** – “*A wise man will hear and increase learning ...*”
- 5.- **Provide For Your Children** – **1 Timothy 5:8** – “*But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*” But, don’t SPOIL them by giving them instant satisfaction.
- 6.- **Train Your Children** – **Ephesians 6:4** – “*And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.*” Don’t make idle threats, but mean what you say ... Train them to respect authority.
- 7.- **Pray For Yourself** – **1 Chronicles 16:11** – “*Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face evermore!*” You need help ... you can’t do it all by yourself!
- 8.- **Pray For Your Children** – **Psalms 55:17** – “*Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice.*” God can do for them what you can’t do for them.
- 9.- **Be Positive** – **Proverbs 22:6** – “*Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.*” This is a PRINCIPLE more than a PROMISE.
- 10.- **Prepare Your Children** – **Proverbs 23:24** – “*The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, And he who begets a wise child will delight in him.*” Prepare them for ETERNITY.

CONCLUSION: Make GOD a vital part of being a “good” father.