

## **Why Believe In Fatherhood?**

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**Ephesians 5:21 – 6:4**

### **Introduction: Godly Parents: Roy & Pat Thomas, Dale & Jane Burden**

#### **1. Fathers are called to be good husbands.**

##### **a. Men are to be leaders as heads.**

***Ephesians 5:23***

For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

##### **i. Creation requires male leadership.**

***1 Corinthians 11:3***

But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

***1 Corinthians 11:8-9***

(8) For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man.

(9) Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.

##### **ii. Marriage requires male leadership.**

***Ephesians 5:31***

For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

##### **iii. The church requires male leadership.**

***1 Corinthians 14:33-35***

(33) For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

(34) Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

(35) And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

**b. Men are to be lovers with hearts.**

***Ephesians 5:25***

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

- i. The best thing a man can do is love the Lord.**
- ii. The second best thing a man can do is love his wife.**
- iii. The best things a man can do for his children are to love the Lord and to love their mother.**

**c. Men are to be laborers with hands.**

***1 Timothy 5:8***

But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

**Illustration: Grandpa's Hands**

**2. Fathers are called to be good dads.**

**a. Dads are to be obeyed.**

***Ephesians 6:1***

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

***Colossians 3:20***

Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

**b. Dads are to be honored.**

***Ephesians 6:2-3***

(2) Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

(3) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

**c. Dads are to be peaceful.**

***Ephesians 6:4a***

(4) And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath . . .

***Colossians 3:21***

Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

**i. Children need proper provision.**

***Genesis 31:14-15***

(14) And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him, Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house?

(15) Are we not counted of him strangers? for he hath sold us, and hath quite devoured also our money.

**ii. Children need proper examples.**

***1 Samuel 20:30-34***

(30) Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness?

(31) For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die.

(32) And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done?

(33) And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David.

(34) So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

**d. Dads are to be spiritual guides.**

***Ephesians 6:4***

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

**i. Nurture means correction from wrong. (Translated chastening, chastisement)**

***Hebrews 12:5-11***

(5) And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

(6) For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

(7) If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

(8) But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

(9) Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

(10) For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

(11) Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

**ii. Admonition means correction to right.**

***1 Corinthians 10:1-11***

(1) Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

(2) And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

(3) And did all eat the same spiritual meat;

(4) And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

(5) But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

(6) Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

(7) Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

(8) Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

(9) Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.

(10) Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

(11) Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

## **Illustration: Why Men Live 70 Years**

### **3. Fathers are called to be good Christians.**

#### **a. God the Father is the best dad.**

##### ***John 3:35***

The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

#### **b. God the Son is the best child.**

##### ***John 8:29***

And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

#### **c. God wants you in His family.**

##### ***John 15:9***

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

##### ***John 16:27***

For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

***John 14:23***

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

**Conclusion: The Sacrifice of a Son**