

GOD'S MODEL FOR FATHERHOOD

Doing Family — Part 6

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"Be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect."

Matthew 5:48 (NIV)

TO FOLLOW OUR HEAVENLY FATHER'S EXAMPLE...

I. We must understand our children.

"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him; for He knows how we are formed..." Psalm 103:13-14 (NIV)

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

"Train a child in keeping with his individual gift or bent." (AMP)

"A man of understanding has patience." Proverbs 14:29 (NIV)

II. We must accept our children.

"Children are a gift from the Lord..." Psalm 127:3 (NLT)

"Accept one another just as Christ has accepted you." Romans 15:7 (NIV)

III. We must discipline our children.

"...the Lord disciplines whom He loves..." Hebrews 12:6 (NIV)

"If you refuse to discipline your son, it proves you don't love him." Proverbs 13:24 (TLB)

"Discipline your children while they are young enough to learn. If you don't, you are helping them destroy themselves." Proverbs 19:18 (GNT)

"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out all fear, because fear has to do with punishment." 1 John 4:18 (NIV)

"A fool gives full vent to his anger." Proverbs 29:11 (NIV)

"Whoever does not discipline his son hates him, but whoever loves him is prompt to correct him." Proverbs 13:24 (ISV)

"Fathers, don't scold your children so much that they become discouraged and quit trying." Colossians 3:21 (TLB)

IV. We must express love to our children.

"The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made." Psalm 145:9 (NIV)

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"A word out of your mouth may seem of no account, but it can accomplish nearly anything—or destroy it!" James 3:4 (MSG)

"The Lord is near to all who call on Him..." Psalm 145:18 (NIV)

V. We must be consistent with our children.

"Jesus doesn't change—yesterday, today, tomorrow, He's always totally Himself." Hebrews 13:8 (MSG)

"It is a wonderful heritage to have an honest father." Proverbs 20:7 (TLB)

"The Lord is faithful to all His promises." Psalm 145:13 (NIV)

"He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers..." Malachi 4:6 (NIV)