

“Fathers Move Others Forward”

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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are from the NIV Bible.

**Leviticus 19:3** "Each of you **must respect his mother and father**, and you must observe my Sabbaths. I am the Lord your God." (Emphasis added.)

**Psalm 68:4-6 God is a Father to the Fatherless.**

“Sing to God, sing praise to his name, extol him who rides on the clouds — his name is the LORD — and rejoice before him. **A father to the fatherless**, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.” (Emphasis added.)

**Fathers move their children forward (natural and spiritual children)**

**Proverbs 22:6 Fathers teach and train their children.**

“**Train up a child** in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it” (NKJV) (Emphasis added).

**Ephesians 6:4 Fathers teach their children the ways of God.**

“Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, **bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.**”

**Deuteronomy 11:18-21 Fathers look for opportunities to bring the things of God into teaching.**

“Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. **Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.** Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.” (Emphasis added.)

**Matthew 2:1-2 Fathers teach their children that Godly giving is an act of worship.**

“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and **have come to worship him.**” (Emphasis added.)

**A General challenge to Fathers – To teach your children to be competitive and excellent like Daniel vs. Jesus said the greatest of all in the kingdom is the servant.**

## **Fathers move their family forward (natural and the church family).**

**1 Timothy 5:7-8** **Fathers do everything in their power to provide for their family and God's Family.**

"Give the people these instructions, too, so that no one may be open to blame. If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

**Isaiah 64:10-11** **Fathers set an example of praise and worship.**

"Your sacred cities have become a desert; even Zion is a desert, Jerusalem a desolation. Our holy and glorious temple, **where our fathers praised you**, has been burned with fire, and all that we treasured lies in ruins." (Emphasis added.)

**1 Samuel 22:1-2** **Fathers can take "D" students and make them into a tremendous army.**

"David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. When his brothers and his father's household heard about it, they went down to him there. **All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their leader.** About four hundred men were with him." (Emphasis added.)

**Joshua 17:14-18** **Fathers encourage their children to provide for themselves, not be entitled.**

"The people of Joseph said to Joshua, 'Why have you given us only one allotment and one portion for an inheritance? **We are a numerous people and the LORD has blessed us abundantly.**' 'If you are so numerous, Joshua answered, and if the hill country of Ephraim is too small for you, **go up into the forest and clear land for yourselves** there in the land of the Perizzites and Rephaites.' The people of Joseph replied, '**The hill country is not enough for us**, and all the Canaanites who live in the plain **have iron chariots**, both those in Beth Shan and its settlements and those in the Valley of Jezreel.' But Joshua said to the house of Joseph — to Ephraim and Manasseh — '**You are numerous and very powerful.** You will have not only one allotment but the forested hill country as well. **Clear it, and its farthest limits will be yours; though the Canaanites have iron chariots and though they are strong, you can drive them out.**'" (Emphasis added.)

## **Fathers move their family forward (natural and the church family).**

**Deuteronomy 23:14** **Fathers are protectors of their family.**

"For the LORD your God moves about in your camp to protect you and to deliver your enemies to you. Your camp must be holy, so that he will not see among you anything indecent and turn away from you."

**Psalms 9:9-10** **Fathers are protectors of their family.**

"**The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.** Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you."

## **Fathers move others forward (natural and the church family).**

**Psalms 28:6-7** **Fathers have a heart to help others. They are not selfish.**

"Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, **and I am helped.** My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song."

## **Barzillai (iron hearted) - Example of a Godly Father – Activation with his name:**

**2 Samuel 17:27-29** **Several men provide for possibly 1/3 of the nation of Israel with their wealth.**

"When David came to Mahanaim, Shobi son of Nahash from Rabbah of the Ammonites, and Makir son of Ammiel from Lo Debar, and **Barzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim** brought bedding and bowls and articles of pottery. They also brought wheat and barley, flour and roasted grain, beans and lentils, honey and curds, sheep, and cheese from cows' milk for David and his people to eat. For they said, 'The people have become hungry and tired and thirsty in the desert.'" (Emphasis added.)

(Compassion for God's rightful authority and His people – 1/3 of a nation)

**Nehemiah 7:63 Barzillai's son-in-law was a priest for Nehemiah - Barzillai had a daughter.** And from among the priests: the descendants of Hobaiah, Hakkoz and **Barzillai (a man who had married a daughter of Barzillai the Gileadite and was called by that name).**" (Emphasis added.)

**1 Kings 2:7 David before he dies tells Solomon to care for Barzillai's sons.**

"But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai of Gilead and let them be among those who eat at your table. They stood by me when I fled from your brother Absalom."

**What do you need to move forward? A relationship? Situation at home or work or church?**

**Do your children need help moving a situation forward? Where is the battle?**

### **Closing – God is a Good, Good Father:**

**Exodus 20:12 Honor godly Fathers. They are rare today. It will bring you long life.**

"**Honor your father** and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." (Emphasis added.)

**Genesis 12:1-4 Fathers are Blessed by God for following His purposes.**

"The LORD had said to Abram , 'Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. **'I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.'**

So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran." (Emphasis added.)

**Isaiah 63:16 God's faithful remnant always acknowledges God as their Father.**

"But you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us or Israel acknowledge us; **you, O LORD, are our Father**, our Redeemer from of old is your name." (Emphasis added.)

**The Messiah Jesus Christ will have the heart of the Father.**

"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, **Everlasting Father**, Prince of Peace" Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV (Emphasis added).

**John 14:9 When you see Jesus, you should see your Heavenly Father.**

"Jesus answered: 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? **Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.** How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

**Acts 2:41 Receiving the Word gladly will motivate you to action.**

"Then **they that gladly received his word were baptized:** and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." (Emphasis added.)