

Father's Day Wisdom from Scriptures



Father Examples:

Joshua - Choose Whom You Will Serve

Jos 24:14 "Now therefore, **fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth**, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD!

Jos 24:15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. **But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."**

Gen 18:19 For I have known him (Abraham), in order that he may **command his children** and his household after him, that they **keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice**, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him."

ABRAHAM READY TO OFFER ISAAC

Gen 22:12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for **now I know** that you fear God, since you have **not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.**" (Heb 11:19)

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Gen 22:15 Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven,

Gen 22:16 and said: "**By Myself I have sworn**, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only *son*—

Gen 22:17 blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which *is* on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

God the Father

Mat 26:53 Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? (12 x 6000! = 72,000) (2 Kings 19:35 ... 1 angel killed 185,000 soldiers in one night)

Luke 15: Parable of the Prodigal (wasteful, extravagant) Son ... (God is the welcoming Father! Luke15=Joy in Heaven x3)

Job's Character and Wealth

Job 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name *was* Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil.

Job 1:2 And seven sons and three daughters were born to him.

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Job 1:4 And his sons would go and feast *in their* houses, each on his *appointed* day, and would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them.

Job 1:5 So it was, when the days of feasting had run their course, that Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings *according to* the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did regularly.

Father Characteristics:

- Loving Discipline !?!

Pro 3:11 My son, **do not despise the chastening** of the LORD, Nor detest His correction;

Pro 3:12 For whom the LORD loves He corrects, **Just as a father the son in whom he delights.**

Pro 13:24 He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.

Pro 22:15 Foolishness *is* bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him.

Pro 29:15 The rod **and rebuke** give **wisdom**, But a child left *to himself* brings shame to his mother.



- Generosity, providing for

Deu 1:30 The LORD your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you, according to all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, **Deu 1:31** and in the wilderness where you saw how the **LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son**, in all the way that you went until you came to this place.'

Luk 11:11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish?

Luk 11:12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

Luk 11:13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

- Thoughtful Instruction

Deu 11:18 "Therefore you shall **lay up these words of mine** in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

Deu 11:19 You shall **teach them to your children**, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

Deu 11:20 And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,

Deu 11:21 that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth.

- **Not Peace, but a Sword !?!**

Mat 10:34 "**Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.**

Mat 10:35 For I have come to 'SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW';

Mat 10:36 and 'A MAN'S ENEMIES WILL BE THOSE OF HIS OWN HOUSEHOLD.'

Mat 10:37 He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

Mat 10:38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

Luk 14:26 "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.



Father Tips:

Praise / encourage your kids!

Mat 3:17 And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am **well pleased**."

(Transfiguration) **Mat 17:5** While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am **well pleased**. Hear Him!"

2Pe 1:17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am **well pleased**."

Pro 22:6 **Train** up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will **not depart** from it.

Children and Parents



Eph 6:1 Children, **obey** your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

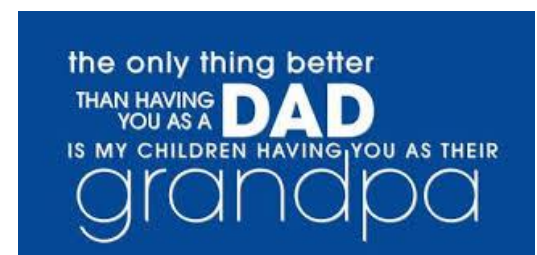
Eph 6:2 "**HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER**," which is the first commandment with promise:

Eph 6:3 "THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU AND YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH."

Eph 6:4 And you, fathers, **do not provoke** your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

7 Tips for Christian Fathers

1. Love Your Wife
2. Be a Role Model (An Example)
3. Respect Your Children
4. Talk With Your Children
5. Take Your Children to Church
6. Realize Each Child is Different
7. Let Your Children be Children



Mat 23:37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, **as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings**, but you were not willing!"

Attributes of God - Our Father, our Example

God's Attribute	Our Benefit	Scripture
Eternality	God never runs out of resources	Psalm 90:2
Presence	God is always with me	Hebrews 13:5
Immutability	God never changes His action towards me	James 1:17
Self-Sufficiency	God is not dependent on others for my life	Exodus 3:14
Omniscience	God knows all I need to live successfully	Psalm 139:1
Wisdom	God gives me wisdom to live successfully	1 Cor. 1:20-26
Sovereignty	God graciously directs every event of life	Ephesians 1:11
Omnipotence	God is strong enough to care for me	Jeremiah 32:17
Holiness	God provides guidelines for pure living	Lev. 19; Is. 6:3
Jealousy	God is "fanatical" in His protection of me	Exodus 34:14
Love	God has made me His child	1 John 3:1
Grace	God is compassionate towards me	Ephesians 2:4
Patience	God waits for me to change to be like Him	2 Peter 3:9
Goodness	God generously gives to me	Psalm 86:5
Righteousness	God will do what is right concerning me	Romans 2:6
Faithfulness	God can be trusted to provide for me	2 Timothy 2: 13
Truth	God has absolute standards for me	Numbers 23:19

(Also Merciful, Holy ...)

31 Biblical Virtues to Pray for Your Children



1 **salvation**
 "Lord, let salvation spring up within my children, that they may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory." (Isa. 45:8; 2 Tim. 2:10)

2 **grow in grace**
 "I pray that my children may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Pet. 3:18)

3 **love**
 "Grant, Lord, that my children may learn to live a life of love, through the Spirit who dwells in them." (Gal. 5:25; Eph. 5:2)

4 **honesty & integrity**
 "May integrity and honesty be their virtue and their protection." (Ps. 25:21)

6 **love for God's word**
 "May my children grow to find Your Word more precious than much pure gold and sweeter than honey from the comb." (Ps. 19:10)

5 **self-control**
 "Father, help my children not to be like many others around them, but let them be alert and self-controlled in all they do." (1 Thess. 5:6)

7 **justice**
 "God, help my children to love justice as You do and act justly in all they do." (Ps. 117; Mic. 6:8)

8 **mercy**
 "May my children always be merciful, just as their Father is merciful." (Luke 6:36)

9 **respect**
 (for self, others, and authority)
 "Father, grant that my children may show proper respect to everyone, as Your Word commands." (1 Pet. 2:17)

10 **biblical self-esteem**
 "Help my children develop a strong self-esteem that is rooted in the realization that they are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus." (Eph. 2:10)

11 **faithfulness**
 "Let love and faithfulness never leave my children, but bind these twin virtues around their necks and write them on the tablet of their hearts." (Prov. 3:3)

12 **courage**
 "May my children always be strong and courageous in their character and in their actions." (Deut. 31:6)

13 **purity**
 "Create in them a pure heart, O God, and let that purity of heart be shown in their actions." (Ps. 51:10)

15 **generosity**
 "Grant that my children may be generous and willing to share, and so lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age." (1 Tim. 6:18-19)

16 **peace-loving**
 "Father, let my children make every effort to do what leads to peace." (Rom. 14:19)

17 **joy**
 "May my children be filled with the joy given by the Holy Spirit." (1 Thess. 1:6)

14 **kindness**
 "Lord, may my children always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else." (1 Thess. 5:15)

18 **perseverance**
 "Lord, teach my children perseverance in all they do, and help them especially to run with perseverance the race marked out for them." (Heb. 12:1)

19 **humility**
 "God, please cultivate in my children the ability to show true humility toward all." (Titus 3:2)

20 **compassion**
 "Lord, please clothe my children with the virtue of compassion." (Col. 3:12)

21 **responsibility**
 "Grant that my children may learn responsibility, for each one should carry his own load." (Gal. 6:5)

23 **faith**
 "I pray that faith will find root and grow in my children's hearts, that by faith they may gain what has been promised to them." (Luke 17:5-6; Heb. 11:1-40)

25 **hope**
 "May the God of hope grant that my children may overflow with hope and hopefulness by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Rom. 15:13)

26 **willingness & ability to work**
 "Teach my children, Lord, to value work and to work at it with all their heart, as working for the Lord and not for men." (Col. 3:23)

22 **contentment**
 "Father, teach my children the secret of being content in any and every situation, through Him who gives them strength." (Phil. 4:12-13)

24 **a servant's heart**
 "God, please help my children develop servant's hearts, that they may serve wholeheartedly, as if they were serving the Lord, not men." (Eph. 6:7)

27 **passion for God**
 "Lord, please instill in my children a soul that 'followeth hard after thee,' one that clings passionately to You." (Ps. 63:8)

28 **self-discipline**
 "Father, I pray that my children may acquire a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is right and just and fair." (Prov. 1:3)

29 **prayerfulness**
 "Grant, Lord, that my children's lives may be marked by prayerfulness, that they may learn to pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers." (1 Thess. 5:17)

30 **gratitude**
 "Help my children to live lives that are always overflowing with thankfulness and always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Eph. 5:20; Col. 2:7)

31 **a heart for missions**
 "Lord, please help my children to develop a desire to see Your glory declared among the nations, Your marvelous deeds among the peoples." (Ps. 96:3)