

BEING A GODLY EXAMPLE TO OUR FAMILIES.

(Father's Day)

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Luke 1:17-NKJV

He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, **'TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS TO THE CHILDREN,'** and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

Passion - He will go before the Lord as a forerunner, with the same power and anointing as Elijah the prophet. **He will be instrumental in turning the hearts of the fathers in tenderness back to their children...**

The Hebrew word *-adon-*(*awdone*) translated into English as husband means - "lord," "master," "owner," or "possessor."

Genesis 18:12-AMP

Therefore, Sarah laughed to herself, saying, After I have become aged shall I have pleasure and delight, **my lord** (husband), being old also?

lord – *adon* - It means to - *rule, be firm, strong, a superintendent of household, of affairs.*

Spiritually, the father was responsible for the spiritual well-being of the family, as well as the individual members of the family.

1Thessalonians 2:11-12-Passion

And you know **how affectionately we treated each one of you, like a loving father cares for his own children.**

We comforted and encouraged you and challenged you to adopt a lifestyle worthy of God.

Job 1:5-NLT

When these celebrations ended—sometimes after several days—**Job would purify his children. He would get up early in the morning and offer a burnt offering for each of them.**

For Job said to himself, "Perhaps my children have sinned and have cursed God in their hearts." **This was Job's regular practice.**

Proverbs 22:6

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

The Living Bible puts it this way, "Teach a child to choose the right path, and when he is older, he will remain upon it."

Passion - Dedicate your children to God and point them in the way that they should go, and the values they've learned from you will be with them for life.

Ephesians 6:4-AMP

Fathers do not irritate and provoke your children to anger [do not exasperate them to resentment] but rear them [tenderly] in **the training and discipline and the counsel and admonition of the Lord.**

2Timothy 3:10-Passion

10 But you, Timothy, **have closely followed my example and the truth that I've imparted to you. You have modeled your life after the love and endurance I've demonstrated in my ministry by not giving up. The faith I have, you now have. What I have hungered for in life has now become your longing as well. The patience I have with others, you now demonstrate.**

11 And **the same persecutions and difficulties I have endured, you have also endured.**

Socially, the father's responsibility was to protect and see that no one took advantage of any member of his family.

Psalm 68:5-LB

He is a father to the fatherless; he gives justice to the widows, for he is holy.

James 1:27-Passion

True spirituality that is pure in the eyes of our Father God **is to make a difference in the lives of the orphans, and widows in their troubles, and to refuse to be corrupted by the world's values.**

Economically, the father was to provide for the needs of the various members of his family.

1 Timothy 5:8

"But if anyone does not provide for his own, especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

The Living Bible: "But anyone who won't care for his own relatives when they need help, especially those living in his own family, has no right to say he is a Christian. Such a person is worse than the heathen."

1 Kings 15:25, 26

25 "Now Nadab the **son of Jeroboam** became king over Israel in the second year of Asa King of Judah, and he reigned over Israel two years.

26 and **he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin by which he had made Israel sin.**

2 Kings 15:1-3

1 In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel, **Azariah the son of Amaziah**, king of Judah, became king.

2 he was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. his mother's name was Jecholiah (yekolyah) of Jerusalem.

3 and **he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done.**