## **Wanted: Godly Dads**

"For I (the Lord) have chosen him (Abraham), so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him." **Genesis 18:19** 

## I. Introduction

The Bible gives us, if not a job description, at least some qualities and responsibilities of good fathers. You see, any fool can make a baby – and a lot of them do – but it takes a man willing to learn and to grow to become a godly father. One might say that God's entire blueprint begins and ends with Godly Dads—so it starts with you men! You are supposed to lead the way for your families----BY EXAMPLE!

"...Love the Lord with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." Deuteronomy 6:5

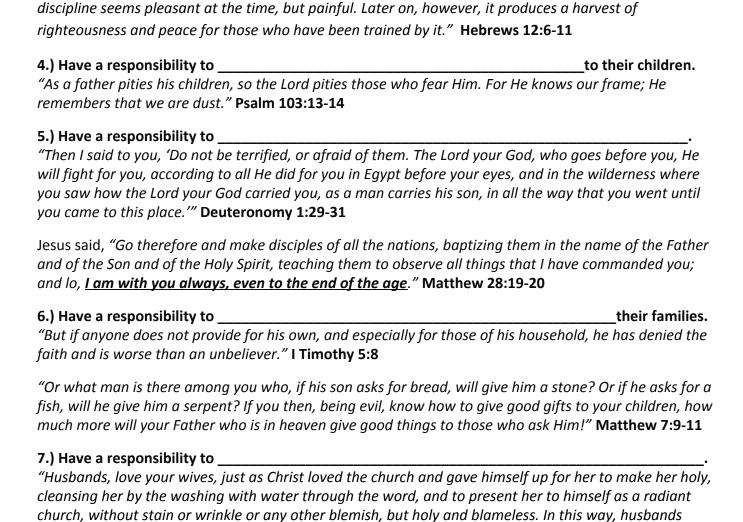
## **II. The Seven Biblical Responsibilities of Godly Dads**

Godly dads... 1.) Have a responsibility to \_\_\_\_\_\_ to love the Lord. "You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." **Deuteronomy 6:5-9** "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6 "...fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4 2.) Have a responsibility to in their homes. "For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just..." Genesis 18:19 "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." Joshua 24:15 Three leadership keys: You must pray. You must discuss—because you're a team. You must be willing to earn the right to lead and to be trusted in that endeavor. 3.) Have a responsibility to \_\_\_\_\_ when needed. "My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline and do not resent His correction, because the LORD

"...the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son." Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons.

Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! Our earthly fathers disciplined us for a little

disciplines those whom He loves, as a father the son he delights in." Proverbs 3:11-12



while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in His holiness. No

"And the greatest of these is love." (I Cor.13:13)

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

Il Corinthians 13:4-8

ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church." **Ephesians 5:25-29** 

## **Answer Key:**

- 1. teach their children
- 2. be leaders
- 3. bring discipline
- 4. show compassion
- 5. be present and engaged
- 6. provide for
- 7. love their wives and children