

Bad Dads

- Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Three A's of bad dads

Absent:

- 1 Timothy 5:8

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

- Proverbs 22:15

Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.

Angry:

- Ephesians 6:4

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord”

Abusive:

- Hebrews 12:9

Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?

- Proverbs 29:17

Discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart.

What do children see?

- Proverbs 11:12-14

¹²Whoever belittles his neighbor lacks sense, but a man of understanding remains silent. ¹³Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets, but he who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a thing covered.

¹⁴Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.

- Psalms 78:4

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

Confident vs Arrogant

- Philippians 1:6

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

- 2 Timothy 1:8

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord....

- 2 Timothy 1:12

Which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.

Protecting and Controlling

- Proverbs 16:5

Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the Lord; be assured, he will not go unpunished.

- Ephesians 4:15

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.

Are you a bad dad?

Do you prioritize yourself before your children and others?

Are you a control freak?

Do you blame others during hardships instead of working on what is in your control?

Are you too political for your own good?

Do you involve yourself in useless fights?

Do you panic during a crisis?

Do you point to God or to yourself?

Do you use God to glorify yourself or yourself to glorify God?

Are you overly reactionary?

Father to the fatherless

- Exodus 22:22

You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child.

- James 1:27

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.