



Four Steps of Fatherhood



Ephesians 6:10-13



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- Fathers are to submit to the Lord.
 - James teaches us to submit unto the Lord. ***James 4:4-10***
 - Submitting unto the Lord results in an inward love for the Lord and an outward obedience. ***Cf. Mark 12:30; cf. Matt 12:35***



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- Fathers are to grow in knowledge and wisdom.
 - Consider Isaiah words to Israel when they were plundered by Assyria.
Isa 33:1-6



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- Fathers are to grow in knowledge and wisdom.
 - Knowledge and wisdom brings stability and a fear of the Lord to the home.
 - This stability helps a family to stand fast. ***Cf. Gal 5:1***
 - Teach this wisdom and knowledge to your household. ***Eph 6:1-4***



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- Fathers are to be strong in their faith.
 - Fathers are to... **1 Cor 16:13**
 - Watch.
 - Stand fast in the faith.
Deut 31:6-7; 1 Chron 28:20
 - Be brave. (*act like a man*)
 - Be strong. **Cf. Eph 6:10-13**



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- Fathers are to be strong in their faith.
 - A father's strength will be seen...
 - In service to the Lord.
 - In worship of the Lord.
 - In life choices.
 - In the way he leads his family.



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- Fathers are to be loving.
 - Follow God's pattern of love.
 - God gave His only begotten son. ***John 3:16***
 - God is willing to forgive. ***Luke 15:4-7; 2 Peter 3:9***
 - God cares for us. ***1 Peter 5:7***



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- Fathers are to be loving.
 - Follow God's pattern of love.
 - God is compassionate. ***Hebrews 4:14***
 - God disciplines us to make us stronger. ***Heb 12:3-11***



Conclusion

- Father's lead your family in these four steps.
 - Submit to the Lord
 - Grow in knowledge and wisdom.
 - Be strong in the faith.
 - Be loving.