

A Father's Role

Ephesians 5:25-28

A Father Loves

- Follow God's pattern of love.
 - A father cares and is compassionate.
 - ***Heb 4:14-16***
 - ***1 Pet 5:7***
 - A father makes sacrifices.
 - ***John 3:16***

A Father Loves

- Follow God's pattern of love.
 - A father is willing to forgive.
 - ***Luke 15:4-7; 2 Pet 3:9***
 - A father disciplines to make stronger.
Heb 12:3-11

A Father Provides

- Since the beginning of time.
 - Consider Adam's role. ***Gen 3:17-19***
 - The husband's role. ***Cf. Eph 5:25-28***
 - The man who is unwilling to provide for his own has denied the faith. ***1 Tim 5:8***

A Father Provides

- Physical, emotional and spiritual needs.
 - Physical: A home, food, clothing, etc.
 - Emotional: Love, comfort, compassion, understanding, support, encouragement.
 - Spiritual needs: Guide the family in serving the Lord.

A Father Guides

- Through teaching and training.
 - Fathers show a desire to study God's word. ***Cf. Psalm 119:161-168***
 - Fathers teach their children God's word. ***Eph 6:1-4***
 - Fathers teach their children to give answers. ***1 Pet 3:15***
 - Fathers teach their family the difference between right and wrong. ***Cf. Heb 4:15***

A Father Guides

- Through correction and discipline.
 - It is an understood part of fatherhood.
Heb 12:5-11
 - *“The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.”* ***Pro 29:15***

A Father Protects

- Husbands / Fathers are the protectors.
 - The wife is considered the weaker vessel.
1 Pet 3:7; cf. Gen 3:16-19
 - The husband protects his wife as Christ protects the church. ***Cf. Eph 5:25-28***

A Father Protects

- Protects from the devil.
 - Fathers wear God's armor. ***Eph 6:13-18***
 - Do not allow any wicked influences into the safe-haven of his home.
cf. Psa 101:1-8
- God's word is followed.
- Protects the souls in his family.

Conclusion

- All fathers must strive to . . .
 - Love their families, following God's examples.
 - Provide for the needs of their families.
 - Guide their families in serving the Lord.
 - Protect their families.