
9 Things Children Need From Their Father Malachi 4:5-6

*⁵Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet
Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.
⁶And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,
And the hearts of the children to their fathers,
Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.*

Introduction

According to this text, when the hearts of the fathers are not turned toward the children, the earth experiences a curse! Therefore, many of the difficulties that we are experiencing today can be traced back to children not being fathered. So, fathers, do not underestimate the role you play in the family. You are the difference maker.

If we are the difference makers, what are we to do as fathers?

“Could it be that we are experiencing the consequences of not turned hearts?” – Pastor Billy Johnson

9 Things Children Need from Their Fathers

Be Present

“We cannot outsource fathering.” – Pastor Billy Johnson
Our presence demonstrates that they are a priority to us.
Children spell LOVE – TIME (Elder Walter Gilstrap)

Pray For Them

1 Timothy 2:8 (NKJV)

⁸I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;

Provide For Them

Proverbs 19:14 (NKJV)

*¹⁴Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers,
But a prudent wife is from the Lord.*

Proverbs 13:22 (NKJV)

*²²A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children,
But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.*

1 Timothy 5:8 (NKJV)

⁸But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Protect Them

- Physically
- Mentally
- Spiritually

Prepare Them

A father must prepare his children for their future.

The Proverb writer allows us to listen to a father preparing his children for the future

Proverbs 1:8 (NKJV)

*⁸My son, hear the instruction of your father,
And do not forsake the law of your mother;*

Proverbs 1:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰My son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent.

Proverbs 4:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, And the years of your life will be many.

Be A Pattern for Them

David's set a pattern on how to walk with God

2 Chronicles 17:3 (ESV)

³The Lord was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the earlier ways of his father David. He did not seek the Baals,

Don't Provoke Them

Ephesians 6:4 (NLT)

⁴Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

Be Positive Toward Them

Proverbs 18:21 (NKJV)

²¹ Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

Realize what you are saying in your own home.

“...what are you saying?” – Pastor Billy Johnson

Pass Your Faith On To Them

The greatest inheritance to pass on to your children is a living faith.

As for me and my house we will serve the Lord.