

**God considers the role of fathers to be so significant that He built His \_\_\_\_\_ around it.**

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together." Romans 8:13-17

- The role of fathers to be so important that God uses it to model church leadership. 1 Ti 3:1-5
- As far as God is concerned, fathers provide the characteristics for leadership.

**Being a DAD is all about genuine \_\_\_\_\_ and getting your hands dirty.**

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Corinthians 5:20,21

- Don't put so many irons in the fire that you put your fire out and miss your real role.

**Being a DAD is all about being \_\_\_\_\_ so that you can bring their world to life.**

"To me ... this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him." Ephesians 3:8-12

- "For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father." Eph 2:18
- What God did, He did to give you access to Him. **Be available to your family!**

**Being a DAD is all about \_\_\_\_\_ together and being patient in the process.**

"My son, hear the instruction of your father. And do not forsake the law of your mother; For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck." Proverbs 1:8,9; Read Pr 4:1-4

**Being a DAD is all about \_\_\_\_\_ near when things are tough and forgiving.**

"But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, That I may declare all Your works." Psalms 73:28

- "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you... James 4:8
- When the prodigal son came to his senses, he wanted to draw near to his father. Lk 15:17-20

**Being a DAD is all about always being \_\_\_\_\_ at their side to love and encourage.**

"You are witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe; as you know how **we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children**, that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory." 1 Thessalonians 2:10-12

- We follow God by being THERE with love and encouragement.

**Being a DAD is all about laying a foundation in the promises of God that will \_\_\_\_\_ many generations.**

"Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess, "that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. "Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you--'a land flowing with milk and honey.'" Deuteronomy 6:1-3

- In order to have a God-blessed home, fathers need to make their home a priority.