

Fathers and Their Children

KJV Malachi 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: ⁶ And he shall turn the heart of the **fathers to the children**, and the **heart of the children** to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

I

A father as a man.

Being a male is a matter of birth being a man is a matter of choice. *Dr. Edward Louis Cole*.

KJV 1 Corinthians 13:11 When I was a child, I **spake** as a child, I **understood** as a child, I **thought** as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

Manhood does not come with age; it comes by accepting responsibility.

□ A real man accepts responsibility for his speech, his understanding and his thoughts.

□ These three actions cause a man to take responsibility for his own actions, behavior and response.

II

A father as a model.

NLT 2 Thessalonians 3:7 For you know that you ought to **imitate us**. We were not idle when we were with you. ⁸ We never accepted food from anyone without paying for it. We worked hard day and night so we would not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ We certainly had the right to ask you to feed us, but we wanted to give you an **example to follow**.

A model is a usually miniature representation of something.

□ A father models a way of life, work and worship.

□ A father is productive, efficient and effective.

III

A father as a mentor.

Mentoring is a relational process in which a mentor, who knows or has experienced something, transfers that something (resources, wisdom, information, experience, confidence, insight, relationships, status, etc.) to a mentoree, at an appropriate time and manner so that it facilitates development or empowerment.

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KJV **2 Timothy 2:1** Thou therefore, my **son**, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. ³ Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

Mentors say I do it and you watch.

Mentors say you do it and I watch and critique, assess and evaluate.

Mentors say you do it and repeat the process for someone else.

□ *Fathers pass on what they know and what they do to the next generation.*

IV

A father is a motivator.

Motivators get people enthusiastic about moving, motion and progress.

NLT **1 Thessalonians 2:12** We pleaded with you, **encouraged** you, and **urged** you to live your lives in a way that God would consider worthy. For he **called you** to share in his Kingdom and glory.

□ Fathers encouraged their children to go further than they have gone.

□ Fathers encouraged their children to go outside the lines of the norm.

□ Fathers encouraged their children to go off the map and discover new things.

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