

# THE BLESSING OF BEING A DAD

**Joshua 24:15 (NLT)** But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD.”

## WHAT DO DAD'S NEED ?

### ENCOURAGEMENT.

**Lamentations 1:16 (NLT)** “For all these things I weep; tears flow down my cheeks. No one is here to comfort me; any who might encourage me are far away. My children have no future, for the enemy has conquered us.”

**2 Corinthians 13:11 (NLT)** Dear brothers and sisters, I close my letter with these last words: Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you.

### RESPECT.

**Ephesians 6:1-3 (NLT)** Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do.<sup>2</sup> “Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise:<sup>3</sup> If you honor your father and mother, “things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.”

### FORGIVENESS.

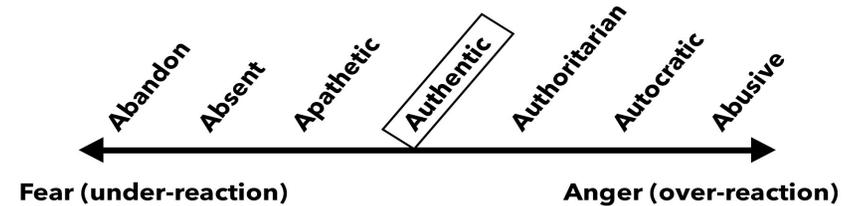
**Colossians 3:13-15 (NLT)** Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.<sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.<sup>15</sup> And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

### LOVE.

**1 Corinthians 13:7-8 (NKJV)** love . . . bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.<sup>8</sup> Love never fails.

## WHAT DO DAD'S NEED TO GIVE ?

### SERVANT LEADERSHIP.



### QUALITY TIME.

**Psalm 90:12 (NLT)** Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom.

### HELPFUL DISCIPLINE.

**Hebrews 12:7-8 (NLT)** As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father?

<sup>8</sup> If God doesn’t discipline you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children at all.

### UNCONDITIONAL LOVE.

**1 Peter 4:8 (NLT)** Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.

### A PERSONAL BLESSING.

**Deuteronomy 30:19 (NLT)** “Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!