

"That is the thankless position of the father in the family--the provider of all, and the enemy of all." J. AUGUST STRINDBERG

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Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

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And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

EPHESIANS 6:1-4

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TO BE A DAD IS TO ...

Hold a Role of Honor

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WITH GOD . . .

... for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed. 1 SAMUEL 2:30

Honor = Esteem or Value

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## WITH GOD . . .

"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created." REVELATION 4:11

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## WITH PARENTS . . .

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you. EXODUS 20:12; DEUT. 5:16; MATT. 15:4; EPH. 6:2

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## WITH HUSBANDS &amp; WIVES . . .

Likewise you husbands, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered. 1 PETER 3:7

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## BETWEEN THE GENERATIONS . . .

"You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I am the LORD. LEVITICUS 19:32

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## TOWARD THE NEEDY . . .

Honor widows who are really widows. 1 TIMOTHY 5:3

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## ON THE JOB . . .

Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and His doctrine may not be blasphemed. 1 TIMOTHY 6:1

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## IN SOCIETY . . .

Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good.

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## IN SOCIETY . . .

Honor all people. Love the brotherhood.  
Fear God. Honor the king.  
1 PETER 2:13-14, 17

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## IN THE CHURCH . . .

Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.  
1 TIMOTHY 5:17

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## WITH YOUR MONEY . . .

Honor the LORD with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine. PROVERBS 3:9-10

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TO BE A DAD IS TO ...

**Bear the Responsibility of a Leader**

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## HOW TO L-E-A-D YOUR CHILDREN . . .

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HOW TO L-E-A-D YOUR CHILDREN . . .

**Live Decidedly**

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"In simplest terms, a leader is one who knows where he wants to go, gets up, and goes." JOHN ERSKINE

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"But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." JOSHUA 24:15

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HOW TO L-E-A-D YOUR CHILDREN . . .

**Live Decidedly**

**Encourage Growth**

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What stunts growth? Criticism, Comparison, Control

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HOW TO L-E-A-D YOUR CHILDREN . . .

**Live Decidedly**

**Encourage Growth**

**Apply Wisdom**

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"When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in just seven years." MARK TWAIN

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## HOW TO L-E-A-D YOUR CHILDREN . . .

**L**ive Decidedly  
**E**ncourage Growth  
**A**pply Wisdom  
**D**isplay Joy and Laughter

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A merry heart does good like a medicine,  
 but a broken spirit dries the bones." PROVERBS 17:22

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TO BE A DAD IS TO ... **Face the Resistance of a Warrior**

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I WOULD . . .

1. Love my wife more in front of my children.

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I WOULD . . .

2. Laugh with my children more--  
 at our mistakes and our joys.

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I WOULD . . .

3. Listen more, even to the littlest child.

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I WOULD . . .

4. Be more honest about my own weaknesses, never pretending perfection.

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I WOULD . . .

5. Pray differently for my family-- instead of focusing on them, I'd focus on me.

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I WOULD . . .

6. Do more things together with my children.

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I WOULD . . .

7. Encourage them more and bestow more praise.

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I WOULD . . .

8. Pay more attention to little things, like deeds and words of thoughtfulness.

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I WOULD . . .

9. Share God more intimately with my family; every ordinary thing that happened in every ordinary day I would use to direct them to God.

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For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. EPHESIANS 6:12



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