



Sermon Notes: Biblical Fatherhood

1. A Father's Commitment.

- a. To the Gospel.
- b. To being a God-pleaser.
- c. To the local church.

2. A Father's Character.

- a. Affectionate.
- b. Selfless.
- c. Righteous.

3. A Father's Conduct.

- a. Evangelism.
- b. Exhortation.
- c. Encouragement.

4. A Father's Charge.

- “Walk in a manner worthy of God's kingdom and glory.”



Application Questions: Biblical Fatherhood

1. What do fathers in our culture seem to be committed to, based on your observations?
2. What character traits do fathers in our culture seem to value/reflect the most, based on your observations?
3. What does it mean for a guy to be a good “family man”? [Think about the husbands/fathers you admire most and ask yourself what it is about them that make them good “family men.”] How would our culture at-large answer that differently than the Bible?
4. If you were to summarize the main “charge” our society’s fathers are giving to their children, what do you think that would sound like?
5. Why don’t we think of affection, selflessness, and righteousness as being “manly” traits? How were these traits exhibited by the only perfect man, Jesus Christ?
6. Fathers, answer these questions honestly, even if you don’t share your conclusions:
 - What 3 primary character qualities do you think your kids see in you?
 - What 3 primary ways of interaction do you think your kids get from you?
 - What’s the 1 ultimate lesson you think your kids feel like they’re hearing from you?
 - What do you think your kids think you’re committed to (passionate about)?
7. List some simple lessons parents try to teach their children [e.g. say you’re sorry, respect authority, be honest]. What are some Gospel – “*walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you by grace*” – ways of teaching and modeling these lessons?
8. If you’re a father, what one thing will you do this week to live this portrait of biblical fatherhood? If you’re not a father, what one thing will you do this week to help/encourage others to be the kind of father God calls them to be?