

Portrait of a Father

Key Passage: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-12

Summary

This sermon will challenge and equip men to understand and implement five essential traits needed to be a Godly Father. This sermon will paint a portrait of a true man of God and how this man of God can influence others around him in a powerful way.

Five Traits of a Father

Trait #1 – A Father Expresses Authentic Love

- **Luke 15:31-32**
- **Key Point** – A father is called to express love to everyone in his family. Sometimes that love comes in the form of actions, service, sacrifice, and at times discipline but during all times it is always prompted and carried on by a love for God that is planted deep within the Father's heart.
- **Key Question** – What are different ways that a Father can show love to his family?

Trait #2 – A Father Sets the Standard by His Actions

- **Colossians 3:1-2**
- **Key Point** – A father is called to not only give orders and instructions to his family but he is also called to be the example of a Godly leader to his family. It is important that the father lives out the belief that he professes.
- **Key Question** – What are different ways that a Father can be an example of a Godly leader?

Trait #3 – A Father is Selflessly Diligent

- **Colossians 3:5-10**
- **Key Point** – A father is called to be diligent in his pursuit of Godliness as well as bringing his family along with him in this pursuit.
- **Key Question** – What are the characteristics of a diligent father?

Trait #4 – A Father has a Genuine Walk with God

- **Colossians 3:12-14**
- **Key Point** – A father is called to have a genuine faith in God. Many men follow God with words but not with their actions and their heart. Families will follow the true nature of a father's leadership.
- **Key Question** – What are ways that you could improve a father's walk with God?

Trait #5 – A Father has a Positive Influence

- **Colossians 3:15-17**

- **Key Point** – A father is called to encourage, comfort, and urge his family to live a life worthy of the Lord. These traits are all positive.
- **Key Question** – What ways has your father had a positive influence on you?

Questions to Consider

1. What is your idea of a Godly Father? Is this in line with Scripture?
2. How will you honor your Father on this day?

Memory Verse

Ephesians 5:25 – Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

Challenge

This week set out to obey your Father in heaven as he leads you down the path of righteousness and forgiveness.



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