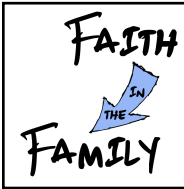


Father's 5 "P's"



My son, keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching. -Proverbs 6:20

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PRIEST

•Sets an **example** in worship. -Rom. 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. & Heb. 12:28

Key #1 - It's not a question of "if", YOU WILL influence your child's life!

- Prays with and for his family. -Matt. 19:13
- Has a heart to learn and grow as a leader. -Heb. 5:13-6:1; 1Pet. 2:1-5; 1Th. 3:12

PROPHET

•Regularly talks about God in an **authentic** way. -Deut. 6:4-9⁵ ⁶ And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. ⁷ Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.

"When my life is over, I know the most important thing I'll be judged on is what kind of father I was." - Tim Russert, "Big Russ & Me" pg. xvi.

"According to the Christian values which govern my life, my most important reason for living is to get the baton - the gospel- safely in the hands of my children." - James Dobson "7 Promises of a Promise Keeper" pg. 124

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PROTECTOR

- Play a part in your children's **education**. -Eph. 6:4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.
- Use appropriate discipline! -Hebrews 12:5-7 ⁶ because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son."
- Lay down** your life for your family. -Eph. 5:2 & 25

Key #2 - Don't let anything deter you from showing up!

PROVIDER

- Go beyond shelter, food & clothes. **KNOW** your children. - Proverbs 22:6
- Take personal **responsibility** for your family. -Gen. 2:24; Gal. 6:5
- Take your **work** seriously. -Col. 3:23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, & 2Th. 3:10

PRIVILEGED

•No doubt - parenting is the **most challenging** thing you'll ever get to do, but it can be the **most rewarding**! -Psalms 127:3 ³ Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.

Notes:

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