

Parenting With Joy
The Grace & Growth of Doing Things God's Way
Dads Leading the Way (Part 2)

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“Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.” ~ **Proverbs 22:6**

“At the heart of mature masculinity is a sense of benevolent responsibility to lead, provide for and protect women in ways appropriate to a man’s differing relationships.”

What's the Difference? Manhood & Womanhood Defined According to the Bible
by John Piper

I. LEADERSHIP (*cont'd from last week*)

4. Biblical fathers **lead** by assuming ultimate responsibility to **instruct and discipline** their children.

Prov. 4:1,2 “Hear, my children, **the instruction of a father**, And give attention to know understanding; For I give you good doctrine: Do not forsake my law.”

Prov. 13:24 “He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.”

II. PROVISION

1. Biblical fathers **provide** a healthy church community for their family.

Prov. 12:26 “The righteous should choose his friends carefully...”

Prov. 27:10 “Do not forsake your own friend or your father’s friend, Nor go to your brother’s house in the day

of calamity; Better is a neighbor nearby than a brother far away.”

Heb. 10:24,25 “And let us consider one another in order to stir up love & good works, **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together** as is the habit of some, but exhorting one another, and so much more as you see the Day approaching.”

2. Biblical fathers gladly **provide** for the needs of his family.

1 Tim. 5:8 “But if anyone does not provide for his own, and **especially for those of his household**, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”

Titus 2:4-5 “... that they admonish the young women to be discreet, chaste, **homemakers**, good, obedient to their husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.”

III. PROTECTION

Remember, our ultimate model for fatherhood is our heavenly Father, and He protects us:

Psa. 91:2 “I will say of the LORD, ‘He is my **refuge** and my **fortress**, My God, in Him will I trust.’”

Just as God provides protection for His children, we ought to do the same for ours.

1. Biblical fathers **protect** their children by being **aware** of the season of life they’re in.

Prov. 15:23 “...a word spoken in due season, how good it is!”

2. Biblical fathers **protect** their children from sexual sin by teaching their kids about it **before** someone else does.

Don't say "I'll tell you when you're older." Instead, provide an honest, age-appropriate answer now lest someone else teach them.

3. Biblical fathers **protect** their daughter's sexual purity. (Deut. 22:13ff)

1 Tim. 2:9 "... that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation..."

4. Biblical fathers **protect** their sons from sexual sin.

Prov. 2:16ff "To deliver you from the immoral woman,
From the seductress who flatters with her words"

Prov. 5:3,4 "For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey,
And her mouth is smoother than oil; But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged sword."

Psa. 101:3 "I will set nothing wicked before my eyes..."

Job 31:1 "I have made a covenant with my eyes; Why they should I look upon a young woman?"

5. Biblical fathers **protect** their children by teaching them how to confess, repent, & pray.

Job 1:5 "So it was, when the days of feasting had run their course, that Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, 'It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts.' Thus Job did continually."