

## DAILY BIBLE STUDIES

*“A Godly Father’s Example”*

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**Selected Scripture**

**JUNE 8 – JUNE 14, 2008**

**THE LORD’S DAY** –This week we are going to look at some traits pertaining to Godly Fathers from the Scriptures. I will not be able to go into detail on these various traits but we will just touch on them and expand and expound on them this coming Lord’s Day. There is a **HUGE** need for Godly Fathers in our world and in the church of Jesus Christ today. The Father in the home is a picture to the family of God Himself. I pray these things will be a blessing and an exhortation to us all. Read **Proverbs 20:3-7**.

*What truth(s) did I learn from God’s Word today?*

*Suggestion for prayer: Ask God to teach you from His Word this week.*

**MONDAY** –The first trait of a Godly Father that I would like us to look at is “Faithfulness”. A Godly Father is first and foremost faithful to God. We live in a world of unfaithful Fathers and I pray that we as men who are privileged by God to be fathers would strive to be faithful. A Godly man is a man who is in love with God. Jesus Christ is the highest treasure of the Godly dad since that dad is a picture of Jesus to his wife and children. If a man is going to be at all effective for righteousness and Godliness in his home he MUST be a man of faithfulness to God. Jesus so beautifully exemplified this to us in His earthly life as He was always “*about His Fathers business*”. The Godly father is a man of the Word. He is in love with “The Book” and the author of it. He finds his strength for each day from God’s Word. Read **1 Kings 9:4-5, Psalm 42:1-2, 119:97-112**.

*What truth(s) did I learn from God’s Word today?*

*Suggestion for prayer: Pray that God would help you to love His Word, be faithful in obeying it and to treasure it and Him above all things.*

**TUESDAY** –Godly fathers are not only faithful to God and His Word but they are also faithful to their wives and children. All hell rages against men in this life in an attempt to make them weak, vulnerable and unfaithful. A Godly father is a man who is faithful to his commitment in

Praise & Prayer	ADORATION Hallowed be Your name. (6:9)	AUTHORITY Your Kingdom come... (6:10)	APPEAL Give us this day... (6:11)	AQUITTAL Forgive us our debts... (6:12)	ASSISTANCE Deliver us from evil. (6:13a)	ADMIRATION For Yours is the Kingdom... (6:13)
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his marriage. He has covenanted before God to be faithful to his wife and he strives to be faithful by bringing himself to God and His Word and Spirit for the strength to carry this out. Marriage, to the Godly Father is the most precious of gifts from God and he never wants to do anything that would cause his wife to fear or become untrusting of him. Again, this can only be fully and truly realized in the power of The Spirit working through the man who is in love with God first and then loves his wife as himself. Read **Ecclesiastes 9:9, Ephesians 5:25-31**.

*What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?*

*Suggestion for prayer:* *Men, ask God to help you love your wives as He (Jesus) loved us and gave Himself for us. Women & children-earnestly pray for your husbands and fathers that they would be this kind of faithful man.*

**WEDNESDAY** –When it comes to his children, Godly fathers follow the instruction of Holy Scripture in the “nurturing” of them. Regardless of the ages of their children (this includes grown children) men are to be giving Godly wisdom to the children God has blessed them with. This is not only done through verbal instruction but is also done through living an exemplary life before their eyes that they may see how they should live. We as dads should not take the approach of “do what I say and not what I do”. A Godly faithful life of example and teaching and instruction will go a long way with our children. Men, if you don’t have children of your own, you are to be living this way for the other children you come in contact with as well. Read **Proverbs 1:8, 3:1, 22:6, Ephesians 6:4**.

*What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?*

*Suggestion for prayer:* *Dear God, help us as men and fathers to teach our children and raise them in the training & admonition of The Lord Jesus.*

**THURSDAY** –As we live and instruct our wives and children, Godly men must model the traits of our Lord Jesus in front of them. One of these traits that Christ modeled is “forgiveness”. Godly dads are dads that forgive when they are offended and hurt. We have gone over this in length in **1 Peter** but I must remind ALL of us about the importance of this again. A dad who is forgiving as our Lord was will put a wonderful and powerful example in front of the eyes of his family. Too many people today are quick to hold grudges and try to protect their own egos. Dads that criticize and complain about how they have been treated by others teach their children to do the same. Dad’s that are forgiving of others model before their children one of the greatest traits of our Loving Lord Jesus. This is not to say they are not to hold to the

truths of Scripture without compromise, even in the discipline of their children; but it is to say they are to be men who forgive, teaching their families to do the same. Read **Proverbs 10:12-14, Ephesians 4:31-5:2**.

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*Suggestion for prayer:* *Ask God to help you to be a forgiving dad, one who truly forgives others, including your family, and model Christ to them.*

**FRIDAY** –The Bible is clear in its exhortation for men to be brave and courageous in this life. No man can live as a Godly Father who is not a man who in God’s strength lives fearless in his life. This is not saying we don’t ever feel afraid; rather we find our courage in Christ, who gives us strength. The world wants to paint the father, husband, and man in general as an emasculated wimp who does nothing but say, “yes dear” and never leads with a fearless love and defense of the truth (TV shows model this all the time). This is completely opposite to the instruction of Holy Scripture which commands us to “*be strong*”. Men that God uses and blesses are men with “guts” (fortitude). Again, may I remind us that true strength is not mere words of courage but a life that backs up what we say by what we do. Read **Joshua 1:8-9, 1 Corinthians 16:13-14, 2 Timothy 1:6-7**.

*What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?*

*Suggestion for prayer:* *God please help me to be fearless and courageous as Jesus was and at the same time be loving like You are as well.*

**SATURDAY** –Being a Godly Dad is no easy chore. I think of the words from an old Charlie Daniels song which says, “They’re my troubles don’t you let them worry you none, When I signed on to be a man I knew I was gonna have some”. Although this is just human wisdom it expresses the truth of the matter that being “a man” or I would say a “Godly Father” is not a life that will be void of troubles. The comfort is that as believers we have a heavenly Father who has given us all we need to live victorious as husbands, dads, and men. Men, go hard after God—He never fails! Read **2 Chronicles 16:9a, 2 Peter 1:2-4**.

*What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?*

*Suggestion for prayer:* *God, help us as men to go hard after You and to trust and obey You. Thanks for equipping us with all we need to succeed.*