

## **A Good Father**

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### **1. A Good Father has a respected POSITION.**

**(Matthew 6:9)** After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

You should respect your earthly father on earth.

You do not need to meet a father face-to-face to tell what kind of father is he.

A good father earns the respect of their children.

### **2. A Good Father has a wonderful PLAN.**

**(Matthew 6:10)** Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Your life become successful when you allow God to take charge of your life plan.

Because God is a great and good leader and it is worth to make him your God.

The same reason, that is why earthly father are also important. If the father has good vision and dreams for the family, the children will be proud to follow.

### **3. A Good Father PROVIDES.**

**(Matthew 6:11)** Give us this day our daily bread.

**(Philippians 4:19)** But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

No good thing your heavenly Father will with-hold from you. Likewise earthly father should also provide everything for the family. Not only financially or shelter, but also provides for the emotional and spiritual needs.

6 ways a father can be more involved with the child:

- a. Find an activity to do together regularly
- b. Help child develop hobbies & interests
- c. Mentor more & discipline less during teenage years
- d. Talk to child, be a good listener
- e. Love your child's mother with all your heart
- f. Child never too old to be told, *"I love you!"*

The more the child sees how good the earthly father is, the child will know how good heavenly Father is.

4. A Good Father **PARDONS**.

(**Matthew 6:12**) And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

The reason why God forgives so much because He loves you so much. When you sin, God will still forgive you.

Therefore when your child does wrong to you, please also pardon him to show forgiveness.

5. A Good Father **PROTECTS**.

(**Matthew 6:13**) And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Earthly father are to protect their family from the physical danger. But a good father will also protect the family from emotional and spiritual harms.

**Conclusion..**

All the above 5 points all starts with "P".

Position

Plan

Provides

Pardons

Protects

Ultimately a good earthly father will reflect how good our heavenly Father is.

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