

**D.A.D.
Dads Accepting Duty**

Starting Point: Eph. 6:4, the particular duty of dads:

- Negative = not to provoke children to _____.
- Positive = to bring them up in nurture and admonition of the Lord.
 - Nurture = training through _____
 - Admonition = _____, counsel, instruction
 - Of the Lord = all about the Lord, from the Word of the Lord, as the _____ would do.
- Expanding on that description, six things every godly dad must do:
 - I. TO LIVE AN _____ OF GODLINESS BEFORE THEIR CHILDREN.**
 - Prov. 23:26: Effective godly parenting starts with the example of a godly life.
 - 2 Timothy 3:10-11: One word for Paul's _____, followed by eight for his _____.
 - II. TO _____ THEIR CHILDREN THE THINGS OF GOD.**
 - What it means to raise them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
 - What happens if the job isn't done?
 - Negative example: The children of Israel forgot the Lord one generation after the death of _____ (see Judges 2:7-13).
 - Positive determination: Ps. 78:1-9, we must show our children the personal _____ and powerful experience of God!
 - III. TO TEACH _____ TO RESPECT THEIR MOTHERS (PROV. 23:22)**
 - _____ = to hold in contempt or treat disrespectfully
 - IV. TO _____ THE SINFUL IMPULSES OF THEIR CHILDREN.**
 - Negative example: God sent judgment on the family of _____ because he failed to restrain his wicked sons (1 Sam. 2:23-24, 3:13).
 - Moral: It's not enough to teach what's right, or even rebuke; dads also have to bring _____ into lives of their children for their sin (before they are grown).
 - V. TO COMMAND THEIR CHILDREN IN THE WAY OF _____ (GEN. 18:19).**
 - "Command" = give an _____;
 - "Keep way of the Lord" = to obey God and do right;
 - "After him" = _____ was doing it himself (and his children knew it).
 - In contrast, _____ had zero moral authority with his kids when judgment fell.

VI. TO STAND FOR _____ IN AN UNGODLY WORLD.

- Biblical example: _____ son of Recab stood for God in the midst of Baal-worshipping Israel and instructed his children to live separated lives, which they continued to do until time of Jeremiah 250 years later.
- Our children need to be convinced that we are standing steadfastly and unmovably upon the solid ground of God's Word so we can exhort them to do the same with all _____ (2 Tim. 3:14-15, Jude 1:3, 2 Thess. 2:15, Rev. 3:10-11).

CONCLUSION

- Dad, you can't do your duty in your own strength, but by the _____ of God, you can.
- Question: Will you _____ your duty?
 - Will you be serious about accessing the grace of God for the _____ formation of your children?
 - Will you commit yourself to being a godly dad and fulfilling your responsibilities as a dad before the Lord?