

WHAT A FATHER DOES

Text: 1 Thess. 2:10-12; primary focus on vs. 11.

- Three responsibilities on God's job _____ for fathers.
- There is a need for _____ in these three areas.
- I. A FATHER _____.**
- Exhort = encouragement that includes _____ and _____.
 - He makes time to _____ to them.
 - He lovingly confronts and corrects _____ issues in their lives and encourages them to move forward in the right path for God.
 - He doesn't let them get away with _____ or poor habits but challenges them to change and grow.
 - He gives them a loving _____ out of the nest when they need it.
- The best method (2 steps):
 - Start when children are _____ (Eph. 6:4).
 - Don't stop when they are _____ (Prov. 23:22).
- II. A FATHER _____.**
- Comfort = to speak _____ or soothingly, console.
- A good father maintains a _____ between correction and comfort in his communication with his children.
 - In addition to truth, children also need to know they are _____.
 - They need to hear lots of _____ words from dad:
 - Lots of "I _____ you"'s and hugs.
 - Lots of _____ and affirmation.
 - Expressions of unconditional _____.
 - Comfort when they are down or _____.
- A wise father teaches his mouth to _____ in sweet, pleasing, healthy words to his children, to build them up and enrich their souls (Proverbs 16:23-24, 15:23, 12:25).
- III. A FATHER _____.**
- Charge = from "martyr"; to _____, testify.
- This is probably the most direct and _____ form of instruction a father can use because it's based on an appeal to the father's own _____ (Prov. 23:26).

- A godly father bears witness to the truth by _____ it passionately to his children and by pointing at his own _____ as the object lesson for his message.
- Vs. 10—a father's _____ message:
 - "Holy" = both _____ and devout;
 - "_____ " = righteous;
 - "Unblameable" = without _____ or just accusation.
- Vs. 12—a father's _____ message (charge) = "Walk _____ of God."
 - Being called to Christ's kingdom and glory = the _____ possible calling.
 - Walking worthy = living up to that calling out of _____ for Christ.
 - Not _____ yourself to sin.
 - Not _____ your convictions.
 - Not _____.

CONCLUSION

- Two final thoughts:
 - No human father is _____.
 - God will help men to grow and succeed as fathers if they will _____ on Him.