

ARE YOU A GOOD GOOD FATHER? Selected Old & New Testament Scripture

The name of the last song that we sang was “Good Good Father”.

- The song is written by Pat Barrett and Tony Brown and it reminds us that our Heavenly Father can be called a Good Good Father because He is: **(9 things)**
 - That we can hear His tender voice in the dead of the night.
 - That He is pleased with us as His children.
 - That we are never alone as His children.
 - That He loves us with an undeniable love.
 - That He can provide the answers for us that no one else can.
 - He knows exactly what we need before we say a word.
 - He is perfect in all His ways.
 - He gives us peace that is unexplainable.
 - With all this, He calls us into a deeper relationship with Him every day of our lives as His children.
 - Because of all these things that He is, it makes me who I am.

So today is Father’s Day and I need to ask myself and the men of our Church Family this simple but profound question, “are you a good good father?”

- Every man in this Church Family can be a Father.
- **James 1:27**

Do you realize that God’s Word gives us 12 duties of a good good father?

- Love
- Command
- Instruct
- Guide And Warn
- Train
- Rebuke
- Restrain
- Punish
- Chasten
- Nourish
- Supply Needs

- Do Not Provoke

Love

- How does our song “Good Good Father” describe the Heavenly Father’s love – undeniable.
- The Father’s love – Great (**Ephesians 2:4**) / Everlasting (**Jeremiah 31:3**) / Sacrificial (**Romans 5:8**)

Command

- God did not give His children 10 suggestions but rather 10 Commandments.
 - **Deuteronomy 12:28**
- Who is charting the course for your family?
 - Satan
 - The world
 - The Word
 - *A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society.* - Billy Graham

Instruct

- Now you can give commands to the family, but it does little good if they are not backed up with some instruction.
- **Proverbs 22:6**
 - *Point your kids in the right direction, when they’re old they won’t be lost.* – The Message
- *The father who does not teach his son his duties is equally guilty with the son who neglects them.* – Confucius (Chinese Philosopher)

Rebuke – Reprimand

- **Proverbs 3:11-12**
 - *But don’t, dear friend, resent God’s discipline; don’t sulk under his loving correction. It’s the child he loves that God corrects; a father’s delight is behind all this.* (The Message)
- **Hebrews 12:11**
 - Circle the word “later”

Supply Needs

- I Timothy 4:8

- Paul is giving his son in the faith, Timothy, some final instructions in this letter and he is addressing the importance of meeting the needs of the family (**Church / Own**)
- *A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty.* Unknown Author

Do Not Provoke

- Ephesians 6:4
- Joshua 1:1-9
 - The illustration of sharpening a blade (dull).
 - *My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me.* - Jim Valvano