

What Fathers Know

Introduction - A good question: Lord, what **LESSONS** have you taught me about fatherhood?

I. Fathers are given the responsibility to **PROVIDE** - 1 Timothy 5:8

- People (Children) don't care about how much you know until they know how much you care
- Even unbelievers know how to provide for their children

II. Fathers are given the responsibility to **PROTECT**

- A child's best protection is wisdom - Ephesians 6:4
- Teaching our family the fear God is the greatest lesson - Proverbs 1:7
- To direct our children we must know who they are and how God made them as individuals - Where they fit?
- Be a coach not a critic

III. Fathers are given the responsibility to **PROMOTE** - 1 Corinthians 11:1

- The highest honor of fatherhood is that our children will develop their view of God by watching us
- When David got it wrong with Absalom (2 Sam. 12-18) - passivity
- When David got it right with Solomon - 1 Kings 2:1-4 - Pointed him to his Heavenly Father

Conclusion - May we **MODEL** our Father above to our family below!