



Becoming the Father that God Wants Me to Be  
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**INTRODUCTION:**

- Jesus always pleased His Father.
  - What kind of father does God want me to be?
- 1. God expects me to love the mother of my children.**  
[Colossians 3:19](#) Husbands, love *your* wives, and be not bitter against them.
  - 2. God expects me to provide for my children.**  
[Matthew 7:9-10](#) Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? 10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?
  - 3. God expects me to point my children to their Heavenly Father.**
    - We must not foster a dependence upon ourselves instead of upon God.  
[Matthew 10:37](#) He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.
  - 4. God expects me to discipline my children.**  
[Hebrews 12:7](#) If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?
  - 5. God expects me conduct myself in such a way that I do not provoke my children. ([Eph. 6:4](#))**  
[Ephesians 6:4](#) And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.  
[Colossians 3:21](#) Fathers, provoke not your children *to anger*, lest they be discouraged.
    - We must learn the difference between being firm and being ugly!

6. God expects me to teach my children to glorify God in their lives.

[1 Thessalonians 2:11-12](#) As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father *doth* his children, 12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

A. We do this by Exhorting and Comforting

*Parakaleo* – comfort, beseech, exhort, challenge.

Best illustration: Acts 2:40

**Acts 2:40** And with many other words did he [Peter] testify and **exhort**, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

**Romans 12:1** I **beseech** you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

**1 Thessalonians 4:1** Furthermore then we **beseech** you, brethren, and exhort *you* by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

**1 Corinthians 1:10** Now I **beseech** you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

B. We do this by Charging

Gk., *paramutheomai*

**DEFINITION:** From *para* (3706), “alongside,” and *muthos* (3316), “speech,” *paramutheomai* was used from Homer onwards meaning “to come alongside someone to speak to him in a positive, friendly way.”

The word developed primarily in two directions:

- (1) to encourage or exhort one about his future actions, or
- (2) to console or comfort a person about some recent disappointment or tragedy, such as the death of a loved one (*Liddell-Scott*). *CBLGED*

- Two of the uses of this word in the N.T. are in the passage related to the death of Lazarus.

**John 11:19** And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to **comfort** them concerning their brother.

**John 11:31** The Jews then which were with her in the house, and **comforted** her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there.

- Another use of this word comes from this same letter of 1 Thessalonians.

**1 Thessalonians 5:14** Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all *men*.

- But in our passage, the first part of the above definition is in focus. Paul is encouraging them toward a future action.
- That is, that they would walk worthy of the Lord.
- We must constantly lift up the Lord.
- We must constantly teach those things that God expects of mankind.
- And we must constantly remind our children to walk in God's commandments.
- And it is because this God is so great, and so loving.

#### **7. God expects me to forgive my children.**

- He has forgiven me as His child.

**Luke 15:20** And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

**8. God expects me to provide spiritual training for my children.**

[Ephesians 6:4](#) And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

- We must be what we say!
- We use every opportunity, every resource, to point our children to God.
- We must provide opportunities to serve.
- By involving our children in spiritual activities.

**9. God expects me to intercede in behalf of my children.**

[Mark 5:21-23](#) And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea. 22 And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, 23 And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: *I pray thee*, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.

- Literally here. Today we do this by prayer.

**10. God expects me to release my children to do His will.**

[Matthew 4:21-22](#) And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. 22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

- I am not to hold my children back from doing God's will.
- Peter and Andrew left the family business.
- James and John leave Zebedee.

## CONCLUSION:

### How can I be the dad that God wants me to be?

- I cannot do this alone.
- Here are seven suggestions that will help.
  - 1) **Relationship** (Both Salvation and Daily Fellowship)
  - 2) **Reading** (God's Word, Christian Books on Parenting)
  - 3) **Requesting** God's Help (Prayer)
  - 4) **Releasing** my will to Him. (Yielding)
  - 5) **Repenting** when I sin.
  - 6) **Realizing** that I am not perfect.
  - 7) **Resting** in Christ (Trusting that He is able and willing to help me)

**QUOTE:** The God who ordered all of this was not naive. He knows our frame! I can't do anything without Him, but I can do all things through Him!

### What does God expect from me toward my father?

**Ephesians 6:2** Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

**Colossians 3:20** Children, obey *your* parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

Honor dad, Obey dad, Love dad, Thank him, Lift up Dad to others, Let him know that you appreciate him. Tell him!