

# What Every Father Needs

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## Intro

Do father's have any impact in the life of their children? Absolutely! See the following:

- 82% of studies of father's bonding since 1980s has found overwhelming evidence for this.
- having a loving and nurturing father was as important as having a nurturing mother.
- Father-love was a stronger contributor to child wellbeing outcomes
- A father's active play style In short... having a loving father has a major impact on the compassion capabilities of children

Father's there's no doubt that you have a major role when it comes to your children.

One of the most staggering statistics:

- > 90% of the inmates claim to have had no father in the home.
- > - A Southern State Penitentiary

**THERE IS NO JOB MORE IMPORTANT THAN BEING A FATHER**

3 vital relationships for fathers!

Men more than women tend to live in isolation. We tend to ride off into the sunset because we don't need anyone...this is wrong thinking!

Abide by the following and you will be a great man:

- \* You will be a godly man
- \* The father God intends you to be

**Who are the men in your life?**

## Every man needs a Paul

The greatest calling we have as leaders is an authentic and Godly lifestyle.

Sometimes we see believers that model the tattered and ugly lifestyle. And then we tend to gravitate towards that...

1 Thes 1:6

**“imitator”** mimotai  
to mimick

Even in their tribulation they modeled Godliness.

**“example”** tupos  
an impression

- 2 Thes 3:9
- 1 Cor 11:1

Paul knew that we are emulators by nature. We see someone we like and we try to emulate that. We are to be conformed to the image of Christ.

“he walked in the way of his father Asa” 2 Chronicles 20:32

1 Kings 15:11

If you study Asa that everything he did, in almost every crisis, he did what was pleasing to God. Jehoshaphat.

2 Chronicles 17:1-6 - both father and son followed in the steps of David.

The Paul: A man who would mentor us, nurture us and encourage our growth.

**“lives”** psuche  
soul

Paul was saying “we didn’t just come to impart knowledge; but to change your life!”

We came and spent time with you, walked with you. We opened our souls and let you look in.

4 major tasks that a man would need:

1. Defining his dream
2. finding your vocation
3. new and intimate relationships
4. finding a mentor (Dr. Daniel Levinson)

**We need mentors!**

**“becomes like his teacher”** gentomai  
The idea of a process, the way that the teacher thinks.

## Every man needs a Barnabas

“son of encouragement”

Every man needs a true, deep friend. Someone who enters into your life and share your life.

2 Cor 7:6, Paul was depressed! But God sent another person - Titus (Paul's spiritual child) - to come and comfort Paul.

2 Tim 4:9 Paul is saying I need these men to come and minister to me. We all have prison experiences. We find ourselves in them and there is no way out.

James 5:16

**exhomologeo** to confess out

O the comfort, the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person.  
Having neither to weight thoughts Nor measure words but pouring  
them right out just as the are. Chaff and grain together Dinah Craik,  
"Friendship"

Men who will gently reprove you. What is wrong in his worst enemy will be wrong in his best friend - because you are harsh with one but graceful to the other.

Psalms 141:5 - oil upon my head.

A true friend isn't a spiritual mobster who is aimed to settling a score. *A good friend is like an EMT*

Galatians 6:1

Restore one another in a spirit of gentleness - the restoration of a broken bone.

**"restore"** katarizo

## Every man needs a Timothy

The things of which you have heard

2 Tim 2:2

**Are you building into the children of your home?**

*Father's you are responsible for leading your home spiritually*

Deuteronomy 6:1-2

What's in the well comes up in the bucket!

Mountain goats live in a precarious environment. Young mountain goats are very playful. One mistake and they fall to their death. The nannies tend to their young from the downhill side to block their fall. This is discipleship!

## Questions

*How do I get these?* How do I get a mentor, or find a friend?