



## The Father After God's Heart.

Fatherhood is a divine assignment. It is more than biology—it is leadership, love, and legacy. In today's world, where fatherhood is often undermined or misunderstood, God is calling men to rise and be fathers after His own heart.

Now let us see God's Plans and expectations for fathers through the Bible.

God doesn't expect fathers to be baby-making machines, but a godly legacy. They are the bridge that carries godliness, morality, and the fear of the Lord to their next generation.

**1. God designed and expects a father to be a Father of Faith.** Fathers are supposed to be called in their homes the father of faith. – Abraham, the father of faith.

Genesis 18:19,

- Abraham was not perfect, but he was chosen because God saw a man who would lead his family spiritually.
- A godly father leads by example, teaching his children to know and walk with God.
- These days, fathers are more concerned about their children's higher education attainment at the expense of their spiritual development.

**As for God, fathers after God's heart must prioritize teaching their families God's Word and values, not just the provisions.**

**2. God designed and expects a father to be a father of compassion like Himself – The Prodigal's Father.**

Luke 15:20-24

- The father in this parable didn't condemn his returning son—he ran to him, forgave, and restored him.
- He shows the heart of our heavenly Father.

**A godly father must balance discipline with grace, correction with compassion.**

**3. A Father of God's heart is A Father of Legacy.**

David and Solomon.



## 1 Kings 2:1-4

- David charged Solomon to walk in God's ways and keep His commands.
- Though David had failures, he pointed his son toward purpose.

**What is expected of a father after God's heart? Fathers after God's heart pass on wisdom, faith, and integrity as a spiritual inheritance.**

### 4. A Godly Father is a Father of Responsibility.

**Matthew 1:18 (KJV), Matthew 1:24-25 (KJV).**

- Joseph protected Mary and Jesus, provided for them, and obeyed God even under challenging circumstances.
- He shows that fatherhood is service and sacrifice.

**A faithful and Godly father may never be famous, but his obedience shapes destiny.**

1. You are not alone. God the Father is your role model, your strength, and your source.
2. God is your cheerleader. Even if no one applauds you, heaven sees and honors your labor.
3. Don't beat yourself up because of your past failures. Start where you are today. It's never too late to become the father God desires you to be.

God is looking for fathers after His own heart—men who lead, love, protect, and teach. Today, we celebrate you, encourage you, and call you to rise higher. Like Abraham, so that God can say of you, "I know him, he will teach and lead his household after me."

### **Prayer Points:**

1. Thanksgiving for fathers – For their love, sacrifice, and leadership.
2. Prayer for grace and wisdom – Fathers may walk in God's strength.
3. Prayer for healing and restoration – In any broken father-child relationship.
4. Prayer for single mothers/father figures – That God will strengthen them in their roles.