

The Role of a Good and Godly Father

The role of a good and godly father goes beyond a relationship; it is a calling to lead, protect, provide, and uphold. A father is not just a family member; he is a pillar that sustains the family. Through his love, sacrifice, leadership, and faith, he provides stability in times of uncertainty, strength in times of weakness, and direction in times of confusion.

When a father fulfills his God-given responsibility, he becomes a source of blessing, protection, and encouragement to generations.

Psalm 128:1-4 (NKJV), *“Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in His ways. When you eat the labor of your hands, you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the very heart of your house, your children like olive plants all around your table. Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD”.*

Father’s Day is a celebration of God’s divine institution of fatherhood. God designed fathers to be more than biological contributors. A good and godly father is God’s appointed pillar in the family.

What is a pillar? A pillar is a structural element that carries weight, provides stability, and prevents a building from collapsing. Likewise, a father is called to provide spiritual, emotional, moral, and practical support for his family.

- When the pillar is strong, the house stands firm.
- When the pillar is weak, the family becomes vulnerable.
- God calls fathers to be:
 - Builders
 - Protectors
 - Mentors
 - Spiritual leaders



What Does a Pillar Do?

1. A Father as a Pillar Provides Support for his family.

As a building rests upon its pillars, so a father carries the responsibility for the well-being of his family.

1 Timothy 5:8

Provision is not only financial. A father who supports his family reflects the heart of God the Father and is expected to provide guidance, emotional support, wisdom, protection, and encouragement to his family.

2. A Father as a Pillar Provides Stability for His Family.

A pillar keeps a structure standing during storms; a father is designed to stabilize his family during financial difficulties, health challenges, social pressures, and spiritual attacks. Families face many storms, but God expects a father to stand firm during these storms.

1 Corinthians 16:13

Children gain confidence when they see a father who trusts God in difficult times. A father's faith usually becomes the family's strength.

3. A Father as a Pillar Provides Direction for His Family.

God never intended fathers to be absent leaders. God equipped the father to guide the family toward God's purpose. Unfortunately, in our society today, we have almost as many absent fathers as present ones. The direction of many families is determined by the direction of the father.

Joshua 24:15 (KJV), *“And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD”.*

Notice Joshua did not say, “My house may serve the Lord.” He said, “... *as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord*”.

He took responsibility for spiritual leadership. A good and godly father must lead the family prayer, encourage Bible Study, model godly character, and teach God’s principles.

4. A Father as a Pillar Protects His Family

One of a father’s primary responsibilities is protection. Protection that includes spiritual protection through prayer. While the family is sleeping, a father is expected to keep the night vigil over them. Moral protection through godly instructions. Physical protection through care, and ready to defend his family by every necessary means available. And emotional protection through love.

5. A good and godly Father as a Pillar leaves a good and godly legacy.

A father’s influence extends beyond his lifetime. Money will be spent. Properties may disappear. But godly values endure.

Proverbs 20:7 (KJV), *“The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him”.*

Children often remember character more than possessions, love more than gifts, and example more than words. The greatest inheritance a father can leave is a godly legacy.

What are the Characteristics of a good and godly father? These are the ways children will remember their fathers forever.

- He Fears God. The foundation of successful fatherhood is reverence for God.

Psalm 128:1

- He Leads by Example. Children learn more from what their father does than from what he says.

Genesis 18:19

- He Disciplines with Wisdom. Children will forever remember their father for the way he disciplined them in love with wisdom.

Ephesians 6:4

The Greatest Example of Fatherhood is God Himself.

- God is a loving Father. He is a faithful, protective, and merciful Father.
- God is a providing and guiding Father.

Just like God, the earthly fathers are called to reflect God's heart. The more a father follows God, the stronger he becomes as the pillar of his home.

Conclusion: A father is not merely a member of the family. He is God's appointed pillar that sustains the family. A good and godly father, as a pillar, supports, protects, guides, stabilizes, and leaves a lasting godly legacy.

Today, God is calling fathers to rise and embrace their divine responsibility. No matter your past mistakes, God can strengthen you to become the father He has called you to be. Amen!



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