

The Biblical Portrait of a Father ~ 4 Snapshots

1. He's a _____.

1 Corinthians 4:14-16

- Definition = He makes things happen.
- Questions leaders ask:
 1. Where are we now?
 2. Where do we need to go?
 3. What must we do to get there?
- Focus = Objectives
- How?
 1. Modeling
 2. Taking initiative
 3. Setting direction
 4. Ongoing evaluation
- Stewardship = Morally responsible for the home before God.

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2. He's a _____.

Deuteronomy 6:1-13

- Definition = He makes God known.
- Questions priests ask:
 1. Do my kids know God?
 2. Do they have an accurate view of God?
 3. Does our home honor God?
 4. Are we growing in holiness?
- Focus = Worship
- How?
 1. Modeling authentic worship
 2. Initiating family worship
 3. Encouraging private worship
- Stewardship = The spiritual climate of the home.

3. He's a _____.

Ephesians 6:4

- Definition = He imparts wisdom and builds character.
- Questions teachers ask:
 1. What do they need to know, do, and be?
 2. How do they best learn?
 3. When and how will I teach them in this season of life?
- Focus = Wisdom
- How?
 1. Modeling a "Word-centered" life
 2. Formal instruction
 3. Informal instruction
- Stewardship = The transfer of godly wisdom to the next generation.

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4. He's a _____.

Malachi 4:5-6

- Definition = He gives people what they need most.
- Questions lovers ask:
 1. How are my kids “really” doing?
 2. Do they sense my approval and acceptance?
 3. Are we “connecting” at a deep level?
- Focus = Relationships
- How?
 1. Modeling a loving relationship with God and mate
 2. TIME
 3. Providing tender love unconditionally
 4. Providing tough love when necessary
- Stewardship = The “issues of the heart” in the home.

Application:

How do you become the dad your kids need you to be?

1. It must begin with your _____.
2. It only becomes real with _____.
3. It requires supernatural _____.
4. It is sustained by pondering the _____.