

# Fathers Who Lead

*"For whom the Lord loves He corrects, just as a father the son in whom he delights." Proverbs 3:12 (New King James Version)*

How many \_\_\_\_\_ are "hiking through" life without \_\_\_\_\_?

## Some Fathers Who Have Led - And Some Who Haven't

A. Some examples, good and bad:

1. Genesis 18:19 - God knew \_\_\_\_\_ as one who would \_\_\_\_\_ his children to keep the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Genesis 35:1-3 - \_\_\_\_\_ told his family to \_\_\_\_\_ themselves so they would be \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ God.
  3. Joshua 24:15 - \_\_\_\_\_ declared that he and his \_\_\_\_\_ would \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. 1 Samuel 3:13 - But \_\_\_\_\_ made no attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ his sons from doing \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. 1 Kings 1:6 - Though a godly man in most ways, \_\_\_\_\_ did not \_\_\_\_\_ Adonijah, his son, at \_\_\_\_\_ time. (Is this why Adonijah \_\_\_\_\_?)
- B. Brownell: "Many a son has \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ among strangers because his father was too \_\_\_\_\_ to get \_\_\_\_\_ with him."

## God's Challenge To Fathers To Lead Their Families

A. How will God's ways be perpetuated?

1. Many think that the \_\_\_\_\_'s Bible \_\_\_\_\_ is the most important means. Is that what the Bible teaches?
  2. Psalm 78:5,6 - God \_\_\_\_\_ the fathers to make known His \_\_\_\_\_, so their children would \_\_\_\_\_ them.
  3. Judges 2:10 - So why did this \_\_\_\_\_ arise which did not \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_?
- B. Fathers must accept responsibility for leading their families:
1. Ephesians 6:4 - Fathers are told to \_\_\_\_\_ up their \_\_\_\_\_ in God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Proverbs 3:12 - God \_\_\_\_\_ the son in whom He \_\_\_\_\_ . That's the standard for all \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Judges 5:2 - It's a good thing when \_\_\_\_\_ !
- C. Henry: When one \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ to the faith, it becomes a \_\_\_\_\_ that is lost, then a \_\_\_\_\_.

Jackson retired early from \_\_\_\_\_ to be a \_\_\_\_\_.

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