

# WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHRISTIAN FATHER?

## *Deuteronomy 6:6-9*

<sup>6</sup> These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. <sup>7</sup> Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol<sup>[a]</sup> on your forehead.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

### I. A Christian father should be a patience teacher

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#### *Ephesians 6:4*

Fathers, don't stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

#### *2 Timothy 3:16-17*

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God<sup>[a]</sup> and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

#### *Proverbs 22:6*

Teach a youth about the way he should go;  
even when he is old, he will not depart from it.

#### *Proverbs 14:29*

A patient person shows great understanding,  
but a quick-tempered one promotes foolishness.

#### **Martin Luther**

“Spare the rod and spoil the child – that is true. But, beside the rod, keep an apple to give to him when he has done well.”

## II. A Christian father must listen and be obedient to his Heavenly Father

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***Genesis 22:1-16***

***Luke 11:28***

He said, “Even more, those who hear the word of God and keep it are blessed!”

***John 14:15***

“If you love Me, you will keep<sup>[a]</sup> My commands.

***Deuteronomy 11:1***

“Therefore, love the LORD your God and always keep His mandate and His statutes, ordinances, and commands.

**Ezra Taft Benson**

The greatest test of life is obedience to God

## III. Characteristics of a Christian father

We have talk about things that we need to do as Christian fathers, now let’s take a look at the 11 characteristics that a Christian father must strive to posse to be the Christian father God wants us to be.

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☆ **Love God - *Deuteronomy 6:4-9***

☆ **Love others - *Mark 12:31, Luke 6:27-31***

☆ **Mentor - *Titus 2:1-2; 6-7, Proverbs 22:6***

- ☆ **Patient - *Ephesians 6:4, Ecclesiastes 7:9***
- ☆ **Good worker - *Genesis 2:15, Job 38:41***
- ☆ **Self-controlled - *1 Timothy 3:2, James 1:19-21***
- ☆ **Sober – (not drunk) - *1 Timothy 3:3, Ephesians 5:18***
- ☆ **Blameless - *1 Timothy 3:2 and 10***
- ☆ **Worthy of Respect - *1 Timothy 3:7, Ephesians 6:1-2***
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- ☆ **Not a lover of money - *1 Timothy 6:6-11***
- ☆ **Show the fruit of the Spirit - *Galatians 5:22-23***

## **Conclusion**

Billy Graham said: “A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society.”