

Life Lessons

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Why God Made Me A Dad?

"Why God made me a Dad?" It's a difficult question to answer. As you seek to answer that question, you should begin by remembering this: You are here because God put you here, and He did so for a very good reason: He knows you're the best Dad for your kids.

Let me share with you five P's that will bring the "Greatest Dad in the World" award to you!

1. Priest. Regardless of your personality traits, every father is called to be the priest of his own home. This doesn't mean saying long prayers and carrying a Bible around firing scriptures at everything that moves. C. H. Spurgeon once said, "**True prayer is measured by weight, not by length.**" **A priest simple lives the Christian life in a way that doesn't need wordy explanations. His actions speak louder than his words.**

2. Passion. A person without passion is hard to follow. God has put in each dad a passion for his children and his family. **Everybody has a different expression of that passion. But a good Dad leads his family with a passion for things God put in his heart.**

3. Presence. No good father can raise quality kids without his presence. Many today opt for quality instead of quantity time. The fact is, **quality comes out of quality time. No amount of expensive gifts and toys will replace you being there** - reading to them, cuddling with them, playing with them. Another great deception going on these days is if our bodies are present, it is enough! You are NOT present if you're glued to the TV or newspaper. **Too many fathers are addicted to social media such as Facebook and the internet today.** There are too many activities that keeps kids in and you - Dad, out. **If you're not intentional to take time with the family, you'll lose them forever.** The results will be devastating sooner than you care to know.

4. Provider. Most of us live in a culture where both parents are working. I don't believe this is God's best especially when the children are small. **It is God's original intent that fathers should provide for their families.** When we're more focused on keeping up with the Jones' we lose our children. **More harm has been done by double income families than good for our children.** Fathers, step up to the plate and provide for your family. You don't have to be rich. Teach your family the virtue of contentment and not greed!

5. Persistence. Being a father is a daunting task. It is a huge responsibility with great benefits. Father means going further. **God chose YOU to be the father of your kids because He believes in you. You're the best candidate on earth to deposit God's value in your children.** But it will take bull dog tenacity. **You're persistent with your job, you can sit through the traffic every day, you can hear customer complaints with grace, so you can certainly extend the same persistency with your children. Don't tell them how bad they are, prophesy how you want them to be!** If your relationship is estranged, do everything you can to restore that relationship.

Last but not least, **love and honor the mother of your children.** Your sons will treat their wives the way you treat yours. Mothers if you are reading, your daughters will treat their husbands the way you treat yours.

Friend, life is short. **What you invest in your children will determine the legacy you'll leave behind long after you're gone.** And remember, if you feel alone on this journey unsure what to do, just look up. **There's a Heavenly Father who will be more than happy to show you the ropes!**

Happy Father's Day!