

"WHAT MAKES 'DAD' SO SPECIAL?"

(Ephesians 6:1-4)

Introduction: One of the most profound influences on a person's life is their **{father}**. (*Exodus 20:6 / Exodus 34:6-7*) The role of the father is so important, **{God}** intercedes for the fatherless (*Psalms 68:5*).

I. A FATHER IS TO BE A **{PROVIDER}**.

**I Timothy 5:8 *II Corinthians 12:14b *Deuteronomy 8:18 *Haggai 1:5-7*

Note: There is no difference between adopted and biological. (*Romans 8:15 / Luke 2:49-51*)

II. A FATHER IS TO BE A **{PRIEST}**.

**Job 1:5 *I Chronicles 29:19 *Matthew 17:15 *James 5:16*
**Genesis 17:18 *I Peter 3:7 *Matthew 18:18-20 *Luke 15:17-20*

Note: The name God tells believers to use in prayer is **{father}**. (*Matthew 6:9*)

III. A FATHER IS TO BE A **{PROTECTOR}**.

**Ephesians 6:4 *Colossians 3:21 *Proverbs 22:15 *Proverbs 23:13*
**Proverbs 29:15 *Proverbs 29:17 *Proverbs 19:18 *Proverbs 13:24*
**Proverbs 3:11-12 *Hebrews 12:9 *Proverbs 22:8 Psalms 103:13*

Note: A father who over-corrects will **{discourage}** his child. A father who under-corrects will cause a child to lose their **{fear of God}**.

IV. A FATHER IS TO BE A **{PROPHET}**.

**Genesis 18:18-19 *II Kings 15:3 *II Chronicles 26:4-5 *I Kings 22:52*
**Luke 1:66-69 *Malachi 4:6 *I Samuel 3:13 *Deuteronomy 4:9*
**Deuteronomy 6:6-7*

Note: One of the best times to teach is as a **{pal}**.

Conclusion: A father's influence continues to **{grandchildren}**. (*Proverbs 17:6*)