



The Role of Fathers

Ephesians 5:25-31



Fathers Guide

- **From the beginning of time . . .**
 - God’s words to Eve. ***Gen 3:16***
 - The role has not changed. ***Eph 5:22-24***



Fathers Guide

- **Two areas: Physical and spiritual.**
 - The physical: Areas of daily life.
 - The spiritual: Service to God.
 - Often overlooked?
 - Consider Abraham (Gen 18:19) and Joshua (Josh 24:15)



Fathers Guide

- **A proper guide . . .**
 - Studies God's word. ***2 Tim 2:15***
 - Lifts up holy hands in prayer. ***1 Tim 2:8***
 - Lives according to the word of God by walking in the Spirit. ***Rom 8:9-11; Gal 5:25***



Fathers Protect

- **Husband is the protector.**
 - The woman is considered the weaker vessel. *1 Pet 3:7; cf. Gen 3:16-19*
 - The proper love for one's wife demands protection for the wife and family.
Eph 5:25-28



Fathers Protect

- **Protect from the devil.**
 - Husbands wear God's armor. ***Eph 6:13-18***
 - Do not allow any wicked influences into the safe haven of his home.
 - God's word must be followed.
 - Protect their families souls.



Fathers Provide

- **From the beginning of time**
 - Adam was to provide for his family.
Gen 3:17-19
 - Willing to work any job in order to provide for his family. ***Eph 5:25-28***
 - The man who is unwilling has denied the faith. ***1 Tim 5:8***



Fathers Provide

- **Spiritual provisions.**
 - Teach God's word to their families. ***Eph 6:4***
 - Provide spiritual nourishment. ***Eph 5:25-28; cf. 2 Tim 3:16-17; Heb 10:24-25***
 - Teach his family to pray, to study, and to give an answer for their hope. ***cf. 1 Pet 3:15***



Conclusion

- **Fathers . . .**
 - Guide their families.
 - Protect their families.
 - Provide for their families.
- ***Just as a Father guides, protects, and provides.***