

Fathers Affect Our View of God the Father

[Ephesians 6:4](#)

And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

[Deuteronomy 6:7-9](#)

You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

[Proverbs 22:15](#)

Foolishness *is* bound up in the heart of a child;
The rod of correction will drive it far from him.

[Ephesians 5:25-30](#)

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

[Ephesians 6:1](#)

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

[1 Timothy 3:2](#)

A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach;

[1 Peter 3:7](#)

Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

[Romans 8:14-17](#)

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

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Authoritarian fathers are:

- Concerned with complete control or obedience.
- Not interested in your opinions, ideas, or desires.
- Intent on their own way.
- Characterized as being strict.

Authoritarian fathers can inadvertently influence their children to rebel against God.

Abusive fathers:

- Inflict emotional, physical, or sexual pain.
- Destroy a child's sense of worth and trust.
- Skew the daughter's view of intimacy.

Abusive fathers can inadvertently influence their children to have difficulties trusting, being vulnerable and emotionally relating to God.

Distant or Passive fathers:

- Show little to no affection.
- Rarely demonstrate emotion.
- Interact little with their children.
- Display no interest in the child or their activities.

Distant or passive fathers can inadvertently influence their children to view God as uninvolved and disinterested in their lives.

Absent fathers are:

- Unavailable due to work, divorce, death, remarriage or abandonment.

Absent fathers can inadvertently influence their children to believe that God is inaccessible or nonexistent.