

A Tribute to Fathers

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from the heart of the Father

^{NKJ} 2 Timothy 3:1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:
² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
³ unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,
⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,
⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power.
And from such people turn away!

Fathers, thank you for...

1. praying for My children

^{NKJ} 2 Timothy 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,
² To Timothy, a beloved son: Grace, mercy, *and* peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
³ I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as *my* forefathers *did*, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day,

2. being there

^{NKJ} Malachi 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.
⁶ And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

3. protecting My children

Examples: Noah; Nehemiah 3; Proverbs 1; Jesus

4. providing for My children

^{NKJ} Genesis 3:17 "Cursed *is* the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat *of* it All the days of your life.
¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.
¹⁹ In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground,

5. loving and honoring My children

^{NKJ} Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
² "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise:
³ "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

6. loving and honoring their mom

^{NKJ} Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

^{NKJ} 1Peter 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.

7. loving and honoring Me

^{NKJ} Deuteronomy 6:5 "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

⁶ "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

⁷ "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.

^{NKJ} 2Timothy 3:10 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance,

¹¹ persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra-- what persecutions I endured. And out of *them* all the Lord delivered me.

8. modeling and emphasizing character

^{NKJ} 2Timothy 3:12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

¹³ But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

9. preparing My children for battle

^{NKJ} 2Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, ⁹ who has saved us and called *us* with a holy calling,

^{NKJ} 2Timothy 3:14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*,

¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

10. teaching and assuring My children of the Scriptures

that they might be saved

that they might be complete and equipped

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