

Copy Your Godly Good Dad

A. The Heavenly Father is Your Godly Good Dad.

1. Matt 7:11 (Amp Bible) If you then, evil (sinful by nature) as you are, know how to give good and advantageous gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven [perfect as He is] give what is good and advantageous to those who keep on asking Him.
2. Your pastor, apostle, or spiritual leader can also be your godly good dad or granddad because the church is our family of God.

B. A Godly Good Dad Copies the Heavenly Father.

1. Eph 5:1 (AMPC) Therefore be imitators of God [**copy Him and follow His example**], as well-beloved children [**imitate their father**].

C. A Godly Good Dad Shows Forgiveness to His Family.

1. It's important that the offended person see his leader humbling himself and not be prideful by asking for forgiveness, which shows a repentant heart. Even if the person accused of giving offense doesn't think he/she is wrong, he/she still did something to cause the offended person to feel offended. Find out what that sin was. Was it an angry tone of voice. Was the offender yelling? Was the offender disrespectful or assuming something mistakenly and didn't give the offended person a chance to explain the truth? Is the offender censuring the offended person who has a right, according to the Bible, to share his/her point of view?
2. A godly good dad should forgive himself and others of any mistakes or failures.
3. Eph 4:32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.
4. If someone loses his/her temper and gets angry or offends his/her family member, he/she should do what James 5:16 says to confess his/her trespasses to one another and pray for one another that you may be healed.
5. Psalm 103:8: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

D. A Godly Good Dad Provides for His Family.

1. Gen 22:14 (AMPC) So Abraham called the name of that place The Lord Will Provide (Jehovah Jireh). And it is said to this day, on the mount of the Lord it will be provided.

2. Phil 4:19 (AMPC) My God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
 - a. Provide for spiritual, physical, and emotional needs.
3. Our Heavenly Father also takes good care of the widows and single mothers.
4. A godly good dad faithfully protects and provides for his own household and family, as well as for his church family by being a faithful tither.
 - a. Malachi 3:10-11 (AMPC) 10 Bring all the tithes (the whole tenth of your income) into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now by it, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. 11 And I will rebuke the devourer [insects and plagues] for your sakes and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground, neither shall your vine drop its fruit before the time in the field, says the Lord of hosts.

E. A Godly Good Dad Corrects His Family.

1. Heb 12:6 (AMPC) For the Lord corrects and disciplines everyone whom He loves, and He punishes, even scourges, every son whom He accepts and welcomes to His heart and cherishes.
2. Eph 6:4 (AMPC) Fathers, do not irritate and provoke your children to anger [do not exasperate them to resentment], but rear them [tenderly] in the training and discipline and the counsel and admonition of the Lord.
3. 2 Samuel 7:14-15: I will be a father to him, and he'll be a son to me. When he does wrong, I'll discipline him in the usual ways, the pitfalls and obstacles of this mortal life. But I'll never remove my gracious love from him.
4. Correction is necessary so the person does not go off course like an airplane if not given a course correction will end up far away from the destined goal.
5. Will your course of action get you to the final destination to Heaven or Hell without someone guiding you to stay on the right course?

F. A Godly Good Dad Loves His Family.

1. Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,
2. 1 Peter 3:7 (AMPC) In the same way you married men should live considerately with [your wives], with an intelligent recognition [of the marriage relation], honoring the woman as [physically] the weaker, but [realizing that you] are joint heirs of the grace (God's unmerited favor) of life, in order that your prayers may not be hindered and cut off. [Otherwise you cannot pray effectively.]
3. Ps 103:13 (ESV & AMPC) As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him [with reverence, worship, and awe].

G. A Godly Good Dad Endeavors to Perfect Godly Character.

1. Matt 5:48 (AMPC) You, therefore, must be perfect [growing into complete maturity of godliness in mind and character, having reached the proper height of virtue and integrity], as your heavenly Father is perfect.
2. Reminder that “perfect” means being mature like when fruit mature and is ready. It does not mean unhealthy perfectionism, which is not a godly character.
 - a. Unhealthy perfectionism can make it difficult to achieve your goals. It can also lead to worry, anxiety, [panic], extreme stress, procrastination, depression, narcissism, low self-esteem, unworthiness, isolate, push others away, overly detailed, overly critical and rigid, failed expectations of others because of unmet unrealistically high standards, a fear of judgment or disapproval from others, obsessive compulsions, defensiveness when faced with correction or constructive criticism, feelings of inadequacy, has a need for control, connects self-worth to achievements, slower performance, achieves less and stresses out more, and fear of failure, to name a few of the many other negative outcomes.
 - b. All godly good dads and everyone else have failed or may fail in the future. However, that doesn't mean you are a failure. Like Thomas Edison, failures are ways to learn what does not work and pray to discover what does work.
 - c. A godly good dad should also learn to deal with perfectionism in himself, in his family, co-workers, staff, or employees.
 - This information was extracted from an online psychology article: Verywellmind.com/signs-you-may-be-a-perfectionist.
3. Gal 5:22 But the Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 humility, and self-control.
4. A Scriptural Remedy to Perfect Godly Character:
 - a. 2 Cor 10:5 (GNT) We pull down every proud obstacle that is raised against the knowledge of God; we take every thought captive and make it obey Christ.
 - b. **Affirm: In the Name of Jesus, I have the mind of Christ; and what is not in the mind of Christ, I choose not to dwell on those thoughts. Therefore, I will not dwell on perfectionism.**

H. A Godly Good Dad teaches his family prayer and affirmations.

1. Rom 4:17 (KJV) (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.
 - **Affirm: In the Name of Jesus, I call those things that be not as though they already were because I have already been healed from _____ by the stripes of Jesus.**

- Personalize your affirmation by filling in the blank above.
 - **Example: In the Name of Jesus, I call those things that be not as though they already were because my income abundantly exceeds my expenses every month.**
2. Combine 2 affirmations of 1 Peter 2:24 and Rom 4:17.
 3. ABC does not usually recommend long affirmations. However, this is a beneficial exception, which does not need many repetitions.
 3. Affirming this long combined affirmation once a day is fine.
 4. This method has been working with many people we mentor.
 - a. **Examples of a combined 1 Peter 2:24 and Rom 4:17 affirmation:**
 - **In the Name of Jesus, I call those things that be not as though they already were because I have already been healed from cancer by the stripes of Jesus.**
 - **In the Name of Jesus, I call those things that be not as though they already were because I have already been healed from challenges with my kidneys, back, pancreas and blood sugar levels by the stripes of Jesus.**