

## **What Is A Father?**

### **1Kings 2:1-4**

According to Webster's first definition "father" means one who has begotten a child; a male parent; but in another definition he defines it as one who cares for as a father might.  
In Vine's dict. "father" is said to come from a root word signifying a nourisher, protector, upholder  
What is a father?

#### **Family Man**

Values time with family - **Deuteronomy 6:7; Proverbs 13:22**

#### **Authority Figure**

Authority taught first at home - **Ephesians 5:23; 1Corinthians 11:3; 1Timothy 3:4,12**

#### **Teacher**

Guides the minds of the family - **Genesis 18:19; Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4**

#### **Human**

Experience weakness, limits, sorrow - **1John 1:8-10**

#### **Example**

Watched by all - **Matthew 5:14-16; Ephesians 4:29**

#### **Responsible**

Takes role seriously - **1Timothy 5:8; Job 1:5; 2Corinthians 12:14-15**

#### **One More Thought**

Since God uses the image of Father to describe His relationship to us, do I enhance that image or hurt it?

No matter the age of our children, we still represent the image of father to them.  
Am I a good example of a father?

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