

## ***A Father's Godly Reflection*** *(Proverbs 1)*

The Bible tells us "Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

What does the word "Parent" bring into your mind? How do we define such a role? The responsibility, the experiences, and the investment of being parents can have no comparison.

Earthly fathers in the family are created to reflect our Heavenly Father.

This fatherly reflection is what we are going to focus on today, and we are going to use the Book of Proverbs as our Biblical text as we learn this truth. Our focus passage is Proverbs Chapter 1.

**1. *Earthly fathers are engaged with the children by*\_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. Speak with our children: Prov.1:8, 2:1, 3:1, 3:11, 4:1, and 4:20
  - b. Fathers parent differently than mothers
  - c. Children need the interaction of their father. (Deut. 6:6-9)
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**2. *Earthly fathers are to prepare the*\_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. Teach your children to choose their friends wisely. Proverbs 1:10-12, 15-16, 21-22
    - \* The Simple (open minded, the naive)
    - \* The mocker, (the arrogant know-it-all)
    - \* The fool, (rejects the truth and correction)
    - \* Wisdom will save our children from bad influence (Proverbs 2:10-12)
  - b. Teach your children seductions of the world's values. Proverbs 2:2:16-19)
    - \* Proverbs 3:1 "...remember my teaching."
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**3. *Earthly fathers are to point the*\_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. Get wisdom, understanding, and discernment, (Proverbs 1:4-6)
  - b. By fearing and respecting the Lord. (Proverbs 1:7)
  - c. Point our children, our family to Jesus (Luke 9:35)
  - d. The Bible points to Jesus. (John 5:39)
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Fathers, and Mothers too, be a reflection of God, and let them see Jesus in you. Spend time with your kids, and it doesn't matter how old your kids are, spend time with them. Share with them God's Word and share in it together as a family. Be their earthly heroes and show them the greatest hero for all eternity.