

THE DUTIES OF A FATHER

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Intro. The Father is responsible for the complete child. Just as Paul prayed for the complete sanctification of those in Thessalonica, so the father will be held accountable for the whole of his children.

I. BODY

A. Discipline (Deut. 21:18)

Prov. 13:24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.
Prov. 19:18 Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.

B. Direction (Prov. 3:12)

1. Education: Pr 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
2. Trade: Mr.6:3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary...

C. Provision (Luke 11:11-12)

1. Food
2. Shelter
3. Clothing

2Th 3:10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

1 Ti. 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

II. SPIRIT

Eph 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

III. SOUL

A. Discipline: Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*;

B. Direction: Pr 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go...

C. Provision: Ex 12:26 And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service?