

Men are From Dirt & Women are From Men

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Parenting Part 1 Mother's Day
"Letting Your Husband Parent Like a Man"

1. God Our Father Example

Psalm 68:5

A **father** to the fatherless, a defender of widows,
is God in his holy dwelling.

Ab > Hebrew > ABBA Aramaic > the word Daddy

Mark 14: 35, 36

³⁵ Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ **"Abba, Father,"** he said, **"everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."**

The relationship of Jesus with his father was intimate and obedient. The relationship that children have with their dads is based on the biblical relationship Jesus had with his heavenly father. It is unique as a father vs. a mother.

Film Clip

What? Que pasa?

- > What is the major difference between what Lucy sees for Little Ricky's future and what Ricky sees?
- > Why does a man want to clone himself through his children and a woman wants to prepare a fresh path?
- > When does the real difference show up between male and female parenting?

2. Letting Him be the Teacher

Proverbs 22:6 The Vision for Parenting

⁶ Train a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he will not turn from it

- > God has a vision for your child, each parent is responsible for imparting it.

Deut 11:18-21 The Practical Steps for Parenting

¹⁸ Fix these words of mine **in your hearts and minds**; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ¹⁹ Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ²⁰ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, ²¹ so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

>Addressed to the nation of Israel, but expected to be set in place by the father of the house. He was naturally and biblically placed as the spiritual leader in the home. Together the husband and wife mature the children into His plan.

>Balance: **vs. 18**

fix them on your heart: MOM> nurture/teacher
fix them on your mind: DAD> leader/teacher

The Parenting Process

0-5> Mom as a nurturer w/dad supporting
6-13> Mom and dad preparing together
14-21> Dad as leading w/mom supporting

3. Parenting Uniquely as a Father

Why can't he parent the "RIGHT WAY"?

Or> Why can't he parent like I do? Or> *Why can't he father like a mother?*

All the while he is asking: "Why can't a woman be more like a man?"

CORE VALUE AND MODE OF OPERATION FOR PARENTS:

Men are logical and women are relational {fix them on their heart}

Men parent logically and women parent relationally {fix on their head}

<bike illustration>



Question:

- Does your husband feel as comfortable at home as he does at work? Regarding His value, respect, abilities, insight, and achievement?
- **Does he have to become a woman (actually you) to parent "your" children?**
Is there a room for a male influence on your children, besides wrestling with the ills of playing sports?

Why do kid's run to dad when he comes home?

Younger> Balance with nurturing

>Dad will interact with what they did during the day.

>Dad will be physical with them releasing another affirmation level.



Middle years> Usually because they want something ☺

- > Tweens know that dad can work around mom.
- > Tweens need to have the assurance that there is an option out there. Dad provides the “doing” part beyond the relational part.

Teen years> Only if they want something that mom won't/can't give them!

- > A healthy transition will cause a teen to want the balance of dad's point of view on a subject. In a healthy home both parents can speak into their lives and they can feel empowered to make a decision. This is not about right and wrong> it is about difference.

So what's the difference?

Dad's /men need a goal and a direction.

They will teach goals and direction in the younger years NATURALLY!

They do know where the kids are, but in a bigger picture then “here” they know where they sent them

OOPS> Mistakes: “I've made a few” but then again > too few to mention> mom!

He will naturally move towards a place were he can bless the children is he is part of and respected as one parenting like a man.

- *Through His actions respecting the gifting God has in them*
- *His focus will be to birth the blessing that their mother has nurtured in the early years. He puts it in motion.*

The dad is given the responsibility to release the children with a blessing

His Style:

- He loves by action, respect and vision building confidence through success and failure into children> his parenting style> his nurturing Vs moms.
- Being *with* a child does not mean holding them. He is not wrong just different.
- Boundaries are literal and spiritual as they relate to blessing the children.

Baby Dedication/ Adult Blessing

- Mothers have the “relational” advantage! > build a bridge to dad based on respecting him as a parent.
- He will parent as a husband and a father with a blessing in his heart for the children God has given you both!
- A child is prepared by the Lord to receive each of the parents unique input at the right season in their lives.

