

Father's Day 2010

"Lord help me to know what it is to be a
real Dad"

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- Real Dad's put _____ things _____.
 - Exodus 20:3-4
 - The goal of a father is to disciple his child's heart to love God and others. (Dad in the Mirror)
- Real Dad's love their child's _____.
 - Ephesians 5:25-33
 - Sons learn how to treat a lady and daughters learn how they should be treated by the example Dad sets in treating Mom.
- Real Dad's spend _____ kids.
 - Dueteronomy 6:4-9
 - Father's can bless and father's can wound.
- Real Dad's _____ their child's _____.
 - Proverbs 4:23
 - Many are the things set against your child's heart, but you Dad, are their protector.

Mike's top picks:

- The Holy Bible – All Mighty God
- Love and Respect – Dr. Emerson Eggerichs
- The Five Love Languages – Gary Chapman
- The Man in the Mirror – Patrick Morley
- The Dad in the Mirror – Patrick Morley and David Delk
- Faith Begins at Home – Mark Holmen
- Championship Fathering – Carey Casey
- Bringing Up Boys – Dr. James Dobson
- Bringing Up Girls – Dr. James Dobson
- Essentials of Discipline – Dr. James Dobson
- Thriving Family Magazine – Focus on the Family
- Raising a Modern Day Knight – Robert Lewis
- Raising a Modern Day Princess – Pam Farrel and Doreen Hanna
- Preparing Your Daughter for Every Woman's Battle – Shannon Ethridge
- Victory Over the Darkness – Neil T. Anderson
- Wild at Heart – John Eldredge
- Baby Blues – daily comic in the newspaper
- The Citizen – a discussion starter on all sorts of topics
- <http://www.focusonthefamily.ca> - great advice on parenting
- <http://www.pluggedin.com> - great movie and TV review website from Focus on the Family
- <http://www.thefishatlanta.com> - great Christian music
- <http://www.fathers.com> - the National Center for Fathering
- <http://xxxchurch.com> - fight porn, protect your kids and yourself with Safe eyes software
- <http://www.firstbaptistpg.com> - get all the info about our church

Biblical values are better caught than taught. Below is a prayer for an unbelieving spouse. Modify it, pray it, and wait expectantly for it.

My Father in Heaven, you alone shall I praise. "You have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways (Ps 139:1-3). You know my heart, oh LORD, and it is in anguish, my eyes are wearied from the tears. For my husband (wife) does not know you. He (she) turns his (her) back on your ways, your people, and your love. I ask that you would reveal yourself in awesome power to him (her) that he (she) would see his (her) sinfulness, his (her) need for forgiveness, his (her) need for a leader and a forgiver in his (her) life. I call upon the Name above all names, the name of Jesus, your son, whose desire it is to see hearts changed and families restored. I cry out to you LORD do not withhold salvation from my husband (wife). Send down Your Spirit to convict him (her) of his (her) need for a savior. I pray for his (her) heart to be soft so that he (she) will hear and accept the Good News of Jesus, and that you would uphold me in these difficult times. Give me wisdom and understanding to detect all the lies the enemy will tell me, and the strength to stand firm against them. Give me the discipline to pray daily for my spouse. Thank You for saving me, for sending Your Son to die for me so that I may be called Your child. For you alone are God. May my life reflect the desire of Your heart. For I ask these things in the name of the only One who can change my husband (wife), Jesus Christ.

My Daily Prayer List for My Kids Adapted from "The Dad in the Mirror"

- That there will never be a time they don't walk with You
- A saving faith
- A growing faith
- An independent faith (as they grow up)
- Persevering faith
- To be strong and healthy in mind, body, and spirit
- A sense of destiny (purpose)
- A desire for integrity
- A call to excellence
- To understand their spiritual gifts
- Values and beliefs, a Christian world view
- To tithe 10% and save 10% of all earnings
- To set and work toward realistic goals as revealed by You Lord
- That I will set aside time to spend with them
- To acquire wisdom
- Protection from drugs, alcohol, tobacco, premarital sex, violence, bullies, rape, disease, and addictions
- The parents of the mate You have for them, that they are Godly role models to their children
- For my daughter, a young man with a clean heart who is fully devoted to God
- For my son, a young woman with a clean heart who is fully devoted to God
- To do daily devotions
- Forgiveness and to be filled with the Holy Spirit
- Glorify You in everything

My daily prayers for my home – Spiritual Pillars

- Pillar of power, protection, and prayer
- Pillar of warmth and welcome
- Pillar of peace and tranquility
- Pillar of relationship building
- Covering of healing and forgiveness