

Like A Father With His Children

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” Ephesians 6:4, ESV

2 Thessalonians 3:7-9 – Paul said ___ times to _____ his example.

1 Thessalonians 2 – Paul’s Example “Like A Father”

- A. 1 Corinthians 7:8 – Paul was _____, so he wasn’t actually a _____. But he knew very well the _____ teachings.
- B. Paul “like a father with his children”:
1. 2:11 – He uses the image to stress his _____ for them. _____ should take note of what Paul wrote.
 2. 2:9 – He worked _____ and _____ to provide for his own _____. He didn’t want to be a _____ on them.
 3. 2 Corinthians 8:1,2 – The whole region of _____ was under a _____ test and knew extreme _____.
 4. 2:10 – While working, he had acted in ways that were _____, _____, and _____.
 5. 2:11,12 – As a father he did the following:
 - a. Ephesians 6:21,22 – He _____ each one of them.
 - b. John 11:31 – He _____ each one of them.
 - c. John 1:7,8 – He _____ each one of them.
- C. 2:7 – Paul also used imagery from _____.

Men Who Need To Act “Like Fathers”

- A. God’s directions to fathers:
1. Ephesians 6:4 – Fathers are responsible for _____ up their children in the Lord’s _____ and _____.
 2. Deuteronomy 6:4-9 - They are to be _____ in teaching their children the Lord’s _____.
 3. Joshua 24:15 – They must let it be known that “as for _____ and my _____, we will _____ the _____.”
- B. 1 Thessalonians 2:9-12 – Being like a father in three ways:
1. Set an _____ in _____ for your family.
 2. Be _____, _____, and _____ as you provide.
 3. _____, _____, and _____ your children to _____ in a manner _____ of the Lord.

Good fathers make sure _____ needs are provided, but the _____ needs are so much more important.

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