

Guardian Of The Messiah

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

_____ tried to protect Jesus. God asked _____ to do so.

What Scripture Reveals About Jesus' Stepfather

A. Facts from the Bible about Joseph:

1. Matthew 1:18-25 – He was a _____ man, but followed the message of the _____ that spoke to him about _____.
2. Matthew 2:13-15 – He heeded the _____ who told him to take Mary and Jesus to _____ for their safety.
3. Matthew 2:19-22 – _____ more heavenly messages were given to him, and he _____ each of them.
4. Luke 2:4,5 – He took _____ to _____, a journey of about _____ miles, taking about _____ days to travel.
5. Luke 2:41 – He went to _____ every _____.
6. Luke 2:48 – He took Jesus as his own _____.
7. Matthew 13:55; Mark 6:3 – He was a _____ and trained _____ to be one, too.

B. How _____ Joseph must have been for _____ to choose him as _____ of His Son!

Traits Of Joseph That Stand Out

- A. Amos 5:24 – He was a _____ man, as all fathers should be. If fathers have _____, their children likely will, too.
- B. Hebrews 10:24 – He was a _____ man, not doing what he might have been _____ to do upon hearing of _____'s condition.
- C. Colossians 3:1,2 – He was a _____ man, focusing on things more important than things that are on _____.
- D. Ephesians 4:28 – He was a _____, doing _____ work that provided for his family's _____.
- E. Ephesians 6:4 – He was a _____ father, wanting to raise his _____ in the _____'s ways.

Only Joseph was chosen to be guardian of the _____, but what impact might our children have for the _____?!

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