

# “What’s A Father Supposed to Do?”

## 1 Thessalonians 2:10-12

Many church members grew up in homes with fathers who were verbally or physically \_\_\_\_\_. Fortunately, the Bible provides an example of a \_\_\_\_\_ father. We have a heavenly Father who loves His \_\_\_\_\_ and lets them know (1 John 3:1, 4:10, 4:16).

What do children look for in a father? They want someone who \_\_\_\_\_ them, takes \_\_\_\_\_ of them, spends \_\_\_\_\_ with them, and sets a \_\_\_\_\_ example for them.

1 Thessalonians 2, Paul says first that a good father must be a good \_\_\_\_\_ model. In verses 11-12, he mentions 3 specific \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christian father.

### 1. He \_\_\_\_\_. 2:12

The word translated “Encouraging” means “to exhort” or “to \_\_\_\_\_ up.” A good father will \_\_\_\_\_ his children’s accomplishments and \_\_\_\_\_ on their achievements. A good father encourages his wife and children with his \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. He \_\_\_\_\_. 2:12

The word translated “comforting” can mean “to console,” “to \_\_\_\_\_,” or “to speak calming words to.”

A good father is there to \_\_\_\_\_ you when things are going well and also to comfort you when things are \_\_\_\_\_ going well.

### 3. He \_\_\_\_\_. 2:12.

Children desperately need the \_\_\_\_\_ of a father. Today over \_\_\_\_\_ % of children are raised without a father in the home.

Austin L. Sorensen said, “A child is not likely to find a \_\_\_\_\_ in God unless he finds something of \_\_\_\_\_ in his father.”

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