



The Marks of a Real Dad

Introduction: Christian men should never take their cue regarding fatherhood from the world of the unsaved. They are often portrayed as clueless, stupid, harsh, and hopelessly helpless. Rather, they should take their cue from God Himself, He is the ultimate father. (**Matthew 7:11; Ephesians 5:1-2**)

Preaching Point ... Fatherhood, as ordained by God, is a man who loves with all his heart.

1. He Loves His God (Matthew 22:36-40)

- Demonstrations of his Love for God:
 - He loves His Son (**John 14:21**)
 - He loves His Word (**Psalm 119:97**)
 - He loves His Church (**1 John 3:7; Hebrews 10:24-25**)
 - He loves His Gospel (**Romans 1:16**)
 - He loves to pray (**1 Thessalonians 5:17; Psalm 5:1-3**)
 - He loves to worship (**Psalm 147:1**)

2. He Loves His Wife (Ephesians 5:25-31; Colossians 3:19)

- Demonstrations of his love for his wife:
 - Selfless (v. 25)
 - Sacrificial (v. 25)
 - Schooled (vv. 26, 29)
 - Sensitive (v.29)

3. He Loves His Children (Ephesians 5:4; Colossians 3:21)

- Demonstrations of his love for his children:
 - Fairness (v. 4; **Colossians 3:21**)
 - Instruction (v. 4; **Deuteronomy 6:5-9**)
 - Correction (v. 4; **Proverbs 6:20; 8:32-33; 29:15, 17**)