

A Brief Overview of Fatherhood from Genesis

The Word of God is fully of teaching regarding fathering, both good and bad. Today we will look at twelve principles from the book of Genesis that remind us of the proper direction to go as fathers.

1. To _____ **Fatherhood**

1:28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

2. To _____ **Properly**

2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

3. To _____ **Sin**

5:3 And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.

4. To _____ **Consistently and Fully**

6:8-9 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. ⁹ This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.

5. To _____ **Carefully**

13:9-11 "Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If *you take* the left, then I will go to the right; or, if *you go* to the right, then I will go to the left." ¹⁰ And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it *was* well watered everywhere (before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar. ¹¹ Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other.

6. To _____ **Spiritually**

22:7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?"

7. To _____ **a Pattern to Follow**

26:24 And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, "I *am* the God of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I *am* with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants for My servant Abraham's sake."

8. To Work Through _____

27:22-23 So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, and he felt him and said, "The voice *is* Jacob's voice, but the hands *are* the hands of Esau." ²³ And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.

9. To _____ **Your Children**

28:6-9 Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Padan Aram to take himself a wife from there, *and that* as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, "You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan," ⁷ and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and had gone to Padan Aram. ⁸ Also Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan did not please his father Isaac. ⁹ So Esau went to Ishmael and took Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife in addition to the wives he had.

10. To _____ **Fatherly Sins**

37:4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

11. To _____ **Your Children**

49:2 Gather together and hear, you sons of Jacob, And listen to Israel your father.

49:28 All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this *is* what their father spoke to them. And he blessed them; he blessed each one according to his own blessing.

12. To Face the Inevitable _____ **of Your Role as Father**

49:33 And when Jacob had finished commanding his sons, he drew his feet up into the bed and breathed his last, and was gathered to his people.