

# THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

**“For the word of God is living and powerful,  
and sharper than any two-edged sword,  
piercing even to the division of soul and spirit,  
and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner  
of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”**

**(Hebrews 4:12)**

H A P P Y  
*F*  *ther's day*

# THE CHRISTIAN FATHER

*(Ephesians 5:22–29; 6:1–4)*

*“A Portrayal of Christ and His Church”*

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*(Ephesians 5:22–29; 6:1–4)*

**22** Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

**23** For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

**24** Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

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*(Ephesians 5:22–29; 6:1–4)*

**25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

**26** that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

**27** that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

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*(Ephesians 5:22–29; 6:1–4)*

**28** So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

**29** For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

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*(Ephesians 5:22–29; 6:1–4)*

- 1** Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
- 2** “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise:
- 3** “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”
- 4** And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

The Christian Father

*(Ephesians 5:22–29; 6:1–4)*

## **A. THE ROLES OF A FATHER**

- 1. A Leader**
- 2. A Lover**

## **B. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A FATHER**

- 1. A Protector**
- 2. A Provider**
- 3. A Priest**

The Christian Father

*(Ephesians 5:22–29; 6:1–4)*

## A. THE ROLES OF A FATHER

### 1. A Leader

**“For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.”**

*(Ephesians 5:23)*

*“head”*

Authority

The Christian Father

*(Ephesians 5:22–29; 6:1–4)*

## A. THE ROLES OF A FATHER

### 2. A Lover

**“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ  
also loved the church and gave Himself for her.”**

*(Ephesians 5:25)*

*“love”*

Affection

The Christian Father

*(Ephesians 5:22–29; 6:1–4)*

## **A. THE ROLES OF A FATHER**

**A Leader and Lover**

*“His Authority and Affection”*

*“Leadership without love leads to dictatorship;  
love without leadership becomes mere sentimentality.”*

The Christian Father

*(Ephesians 5:22–29; 6:1–4)*

## **B. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A FATHER**

### **1. A Protector**

**“Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding,  
giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel,  
and as being heirs together of the grace of life,  
that your prayers may not be hindered.”**

*(1 Peter 3:7)*

## **B. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A FATHER**

### **2. A Provider**

**“For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!”**

*(Matthew 7:8–11)*

The Christian Father

*(Ephesians 5:22–29; 6:1–4)*

## **B. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A FATHER**

### **3. A Priest**

#### *a) Instructs*

**“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”**

*(Deuteronomy 6:6,7)*

The Christian Father

*(Ephesians 5:22–29; 6:1–4)*

## **B. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A FATHER**

### **3. A Priest**

#### *b) Implores*

**“As you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.”**

*(1 Thessalonians 2:11,12)*

The Christian Father

*(Ephesians 5:22–29; 6:1–4)*

## **B. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A FATHER**

### **3. A Priest**

#### *c) Intercedes*

“... we do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”

*(Colossians 1:9,10)*

# The Christian Father

*(Ephesians 5:22–29; 6:1–4)*

## A. THE ROLES OF A FATHER

1. **A Leader:** *His Authority*

2. **A Lover:** *His Affection*

## B. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A FATHER

1. **A Protector**

2. **A Provider**

3. **A Priest**

*a) Instructs*

*b) Implores*

*c) Intercedes*

# THE CHRISTIAN FATHER

*“A Portrayal of Christ and His Church”*

## **A Father to the Fatherless**

*“A Father of the fatherless, a Defender of widows,  
is God in His holy habitation.”*

*(Psalm 68:5)*

*“Our God, from Your sacred home,  
You take care of orphans  
and protect widows.”*

*(Psalm 68:5 CEV)*