

A GREAT DAD

Family Day Sunday, February 18, 2024 AVBC 10:30 am

1. To be a great dad you must _____ your _____

The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."...For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. (Genesis 2:18, 24)

And you husbands must love your wives with the same love Christ showed the church. He gave up his life for her... In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man is actually loving himself when he loves his wife...So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. (Ephesians 5:25,28a, 33a)

2. To be a great dad you must celebrate the _____ way God made your children.

For the LORD corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights. (Proverbs 3:12)

The LORD corrects those he loves, as parents correct a child of whom they are proud. (Proverbs 3:12)

- Your kids are _____ than you.
- That's a _____ thing.
- They are exactly who _____ wanted them to be.

3. To be a great dad you must spend _____ with your children. (Psalm 127:1-5)

God wants you to _____ your kids,
not _____ them.

- ✓ Playing provides a wonderful setting to strengthen your child's _____.

- ✓ Playing provides a real-life setting to model biblical _____ and principles
- ✓ Playing provides _____ relief in the home

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4)

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person's strength. (Proverbs 17:22)

4. To be a great dad you must bless your children with caring _____ touch. (Genesis 48:8-10)

So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long distance away, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. (Luke 15:20)

5. To be a great dad you must be _____ with your kids -Matthew 26:37, 38

- When you are real you can _____
- When you are real you show your kids that you need the _____ ...and so do they

DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: How did your parents demonstrate love for each other? How did that impact you?

Q2: Think of your birth family or a family you know well.

How is each of the children in those families unique?

Q3: Which do you think is more important; quality time or quantity time? Why?

Q4: Read Genesis 48. What did Jacob's blessing include? What part did physical touch play?

Q5: Did either/both of your parents reveal their emotions or "realness"? If so, how did that affect you? What does "being authentic" in your family look like for you?

Q6: What do the following verses teach us about having impact on the next generation?

Proverbs 6:20; 14:26; 19:18; 20:7; 22:6.