

# The Goodfather



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- A good father gives all of himself to his family. God blesses those that give, especially when it comes to sacrificing your own life for others. *Luke 11:11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?*
- The enemy desires to make the father selfish so he will miss his opportunity to be blessed. Unfortunately, many fathers miss the mark because they choose their own way instead of submitting to God's creation role. *Matt. 9:9 And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.*
- Man was created to give himself to God. This purpose is only fulfilled when we forsake our own way and follow after God's way. Our plans, desires, and aspirations should be God-centered and rightly aligned with his ultimate plan for man. *Matt. 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*





- When God created us, He gave man everything he needed to survive. God was the provider, protection and priest of man, so man lacked nothing. By this example, man's earthly family should not lack anything but we should supply our family with all that they need in this life. *Prov. 13:22 A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.*
- God blesses us for giving emotionally and spiritually just like He does when we give, financially. No matter what we give, it's still more blessed to give, than to receive. *Acts 20:35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.*
- This principle works for every gift we give. Whether it is time, money, or love, we are blessed when we give it. And if we lack any of these, giving them will bring it back to us based on the law of reaping and sowing. *Gal. 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*

- Our children are our image and likeness, they should be our main focus. We should desire to give our all to them and our spouse. When we fail to provide all of our family's needs, then we are not operating in the plan that God has established for us. *1Tim. 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.*
- A father gives his family validation by modeling God's design for the home, which gives him the ability to teach his sons how to provide for their future families and shows his daughters what to look forward to when they have families of their own. *Prov. 17:6 Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.*
- The blessing in taking care of your family brings a great reward from God. This promise brings us joy because everything we give comes back to us! The very things that we need will be supplied by giving of ourselves. *Prov. 23:24 The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.*



# SUMMARY

A good father does not focus on himself, but instead he denies his own wants and needs for his family's needs and wants. David prayed and said that the Lord was his shepherd and he didn't have to want for anything. He was telling us that a good father provides everything that is needed to survive. This is what a father is suppose to do. True fulfillment in this life, comes from operating in our creation roles as fathers and when we do this, we are blessed.

God did not bless man until He made them male and female. *Gen. 5:2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.* When the family came, the blessing came. If we desire to walk in the greater blessing of God, then we should operate in the manner that God intended. God desires that we become like Him and not be selfish, but selfless. When we give everything we have to our family, then we can trust that our needs will be met because of it.

*Mark 8:34 And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*