



SINS OF THE FATHERS

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Ezek. 18:14 “Now behold, he has a son who has observed all his father’s sins which he committed, and observing does not do likewise.

Ezek. 18:15 “He does not eat at the mountain shrines or lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, or defile his neighbor’s wife,

Ezek. 18:16 or oppress anyone, or retain a pledge, or commit robbery, but he gives his bread to the hungry and covers the naked with clothing,

Ezek. 18:17 he keeps his hand from the poor, does not take interest or increase, but executes My ordinances, and walks in My statutes; he will not die for his father’s iniquity, he will surely live.

Ezek. 18:18 “As for his father, because he practiced extortion, robbed his brother and did what was not good among his people, behold, he will die for his iniquity.

Ezek. 18:19 “Yet you say, ‘Why should the son not bear the punishment for the father’s iniquity?’ When the son has practiced justice and righteousness and has observed all My statutes and done them, he shall surely live.

- * If your father did not do well, you should still respect and honor the fact that he gave you life and accept the good he did. *Ex. 20:12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.*
- * Your father's sins will revisit you and tempt you, but it doesn't have to overtake you. Every man is held accountable for his own actions, not his father's. *Deut. 24:16 The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.*
- * Fathers can teach you what to do and what not to do. The consequences of a man's actions can indirectly teach lessons. *Lam. 5:7 Our fathers were sinners and are dead; and the weight of their evil-doing is on us.*



- * God has a unique plan for all fathers and it is up to us to fulfill that plan. When we leave our fathers, we must become the father that God planned for our families. *Gen. 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*
- * You must forsake the sins of your father in order to accomplish this and be a good man for your wife and children. *James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.*
- * Fathers must choose what is right over what is wrong. God will intervene and answer the prayers of a righteous father. He gives us the strength to overcome the error of our fathers as well as our own. *Prov. 15:29 The LORD is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.*



- * God has given you an opportunity to start fresh and be brand new. Whether it runs in your family, or all the men were corrupt, or abandoned their wives, you don't have to be subject to the sins of your father, if you are a new creation. *2Cor. 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*
- * What you've done in the past and what your father did in the past can be forgiven! Although, you may have to deal with consequences of sin, you can start anew today by making better choices and changing things for your family! *1John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*
- * All have sinned and fallen short, but a good father, when he learns the right way, walks in it! The path you choose will shape the lives of your wife and children. *Hos. 14:9 Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the LORD are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.*

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SUMMARY

Being a father in our present society is a challenging task. If you couple the sins of our fathers to it, it makes our job even harder. Many of us suffer hardships because of the issues of our fathers and their fathers. There are so many things that we may have missed or just weren't taught because of our father's lack of understanding, communication, or presence. Regardless of our troubled upbringing or disadvantages, we are still without an excuse. We are accountable for what we do and not for what our fathers did. When we choose Christ, we are choosing a better way and we must overcome the sins of our past and avoid the sins of our fathers.

Making mistakes, overcoming curses and obstacles, and fighting temptation are all a part of the fight. But we must persevere, never give up, and keep the faith. Our deliverance and the salvation of our family can come through our fight of faith. If we stay the course and embrace the responsibility of being a new creation, we can be the fathers that our families need.

Ezek. 18:21 “But if the wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed and observes all My statutes and practices justice and righteousness, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

Ezek. 18:22 “All his transgressions which he has committed will not be remembered against him; because of his righteousness which he has practiced, he will live.

Ezek. 18:23 “Do I have any pleasure in the death of the wicked,” declares the Lord GOD, “rather than that he should turn from his ways and live?”