

What a blessing to know that God is referred to as our Heavenly Father. God is indeed the best example of a loving Father, to love us to the point of sacrificing Christ on the cross so we can have eternal life in His presence.

As fathers, we therefore have been given the important mission to lead and love our family, just as He proved His love for us. As such, our prime responsibility is to lead our families in the ways of the Lord, and be firm in our leadership, as 1Cor 16:13 says, "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong."

The reason 1Tim 4:8 tells us: "For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come."

Why?

Psalm 127:3-4: "Behold, children *are* a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb *is* a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so *are* the children of one's youth." In other words, children are a blessing from God, and our responsibility as fathers is to lead them to the truth of Christ.

To this end, 3John 4 says, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

And the purpose is:

Pro 14:26: "Whoever fears the LORD has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge."

Happy and Blessed Father's Day to all fathers!

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