



HOW DOES A MAN KEEP FROM BECOMING AN **ABSENTEE FATHER** PART 2

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- How does a man keep from becoming an absentee father?

1. Dads must be involved with their children, rather than _____. Ephesians 6:4

- The word “nurturing” means “teaching, training.”
- Hugs and expressions of praise should be given _____.
- Being involved doesn’t equal _____. Money and material things are not an adequate substitute for _____.

2. Dads need to be strong, family _____. **Ephesians 6:4**

- Dads should be strong leaders in the _____ and discipline of the children.
- Dads should be the _____ leaders of the home.
- If dad is weak in his spiritual leadership, his children (especially his sons) will be quick to _____ up their belief when they come of age.

3. Dads must demonstrate a meaningful, long-term commitment to _____ woman in marriage. **Ephesians 5:31, Colossians 3:19**

- They need to know that your primary loyalty is to _____. Your relationship to her is the most important thing in your life, next to your relationship with God.

Specific Situations

1. What if I have been an absentee father and my children are already grown?
 - You cannot change the past, but you can change the _____ of the past.
 - How? By admitting where you were wrong and taking an active interest in the lives of your children and grandchildren. 2 Corinthians 7:9-10
 - Just because you were an absentee father does not mean that you have to be an absentee _____.
2. What if I have been an absentee father and my children are still home?
 - Simply admit to your children your shortcomings and failures and begin to _____ through Christ's power. Proverbs 28:13
3. What if I have been an absentee father and I am divorced?
 - You must do whatever is necessary to be an _____ part of your child's life. It is crucial, and your child needs you desperately.
4. What if I am a stepfather?
 - If you are a stepfather and you have children from a previous marriage, do not neglect your _____ children.
5. What if I am a single mother and my children's father is an absentee father?
 - Remember, the _____ is the place where we find spiritual moms and dads, brothers and sisters. 1 Timothy 5:1-2
 - Begin praying that God will send a _____ man to be a spiritual father to your child.