

# Fathers' Studies: Family Responsibilities

"...that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

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## THE FATHER - A PROVIDER

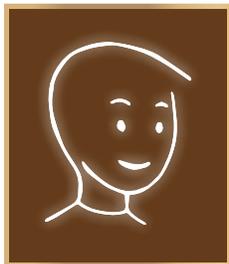
**LESSON AIM:** To show that God expects husbands to provide for their families.

### KEY VERSE:

1. **1 THESSALONIANS 4:11-12** If a man \_\_\_\_\_ his family will not be in need.
2. **1 TIMOTHY 5:8** God expects the husband to provide for his family. If he does not try to provide for them, he is worse than \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. **2 THESSALONIANS 3:10-12** If a man does not work and attempt to provide for his own, he should not be allowed to \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. **MATTHEW 6:25** Although God wants you to work, He does not want you to \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. **EPHESIANS 4:28** God desires that a man work so that he will have \_\_\_\_\_ and can also \_\_\_\_\_ .

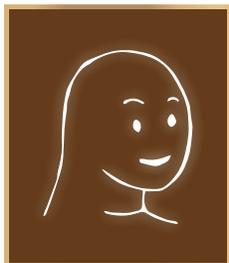
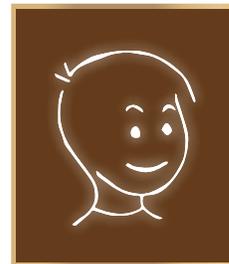
### PERSONAL NOTES:

## For You To Do



### By Yourself

Begin to thank God every day that you are able to provide for your family. If for some reason you are unable to provide, thank God for His promise to take care of your family.



### With Your Wife

Work together on making a budget, which is a plan for using your income to provide for your family.

### With Your Children

Talk with them about what you do at work. Take them to visit your place of work. Find ways of letting them help you with some of your work.

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It is truly a privilege for a father to provide for his family. Not all fathers have this privilege. Some fathers are disabled. Some are in prison. Some cannot find work. A man's health and ability, his freedom, and his job are all gifts from God. When God gives these gifts, He expects a father to use them.

When a father provides for his family by his own work, the following things happen.

**HE BUILDS RESPECT FOR PEOPLE AND PROPERTY.** The father respects others and their things more because he knows what it takes to get things. This respect is then passed on to his children.

**HE FEELS NEEDED.** His family is depending on him and not on the government to meet their needs. They need him. He is paying his own way in life. This makes him feel good about himself as a person and helps to build his self-respect and self-worth.

**HE BUILDS HIS FAMILY'S RESPECT FOR HIM.** His family respects and loves him more because he supplies their needs. When a father does not try to provide, but allows others to do it, his family loses respect for him.

In other words, providing for his family makes a man feel more like a man!

**PROVERBS 6:6-11; 13:11; 14:23; 20:13; 1 CORINTHIANS 4:12; COLOSSIANS 3:23**

**God made man to be a provider.**

**Providing for his family gives a man:**

- respect for others
- respect from others
- respect for himself
- a feeling of manhood

**ANYONE WHO DOES NOT TAKE CARE OF HIS FAMILY AND THOSE IN HIS HOUSE HAS TURNED AWAY FROM THE FAITH. HE IS WORSE THAN A PERSON WHO HAS NEVER PUT HIS TRUST IN CHRIST. (1 TIMOTHY 5:8)**

## WINDOW TO LIFE

Soon after George and Donna were married, Donna started working at the store. George thought that was fine. He just sat at home and did nothing.

Then they became very unhappy. Donna was not at home much. When she was home, she was usually tired and cross. George had no work and did not feel that he was worth anything. Donna now had her own money which she spent as she pleased.

They began to pray together for a job for George. Soon George got a job. Donna gave up her job and let George be the provider and leader he should be. Now they are content and happy.

