

# Fathers' Studies: Personal Growth

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

LESSON 9 OF 52

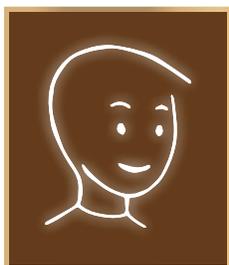
## CONVICTIONS

**LESSON AIM:** To understand what a conviction is and why fathers need convictions.

### KEY VERSE:

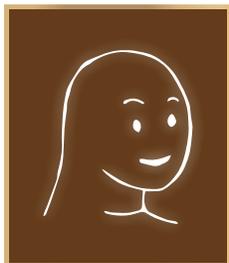
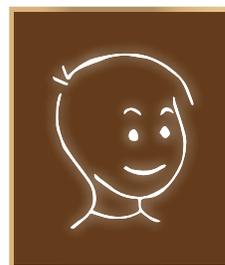
- 1. ROMANS 4:18-21** Convictions are strong beliefs like Abraham had when he was sure that God was able to do what He promised. What had God promised to Abraham? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 2. ACTS 5:29-30** Peter and John were sure that they should obey God because they had seen how God raised \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead.
- 3. DANIEL 1:8** Convictions help you to make good decisions. Daniel made up his mind not to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. DANIEL 3:16-18** These three men were asked to worship someone other than God. They believed so strongly in God that they were willing to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. PSALM 119:2** What is promised to those who obey God and work for Him with their whole heart?  
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## For You To Do



### By Yourself

Do you have any convictions that you believe in so strongly that you feel there is no doubt at all? List three of them. Tell somebody about them.



### With Your Wife

Tell her about your three strongest convictions. Discuss how they affect her and the family.

### With Your Children

Tell your children about your three strongest convictions. Show them from the Bible the reasons for your convictions.

Convictions are necessary for success. A man without convictions is a weak man. For a successful Christian life, marriage, and family, a man's convictions must come from the Bible.

A godly conviction is not just a man's own opinion or what he likes. It is a truth from God's word which a man believes so deeply that he will follow it whatever the cost. This belief affects the way he lives.

The father should be the leader in forming convictions. Then he must teach these to his family. Here are seven convictions from the Bible, which every father should have and teach to his family. These convictions will help to protect him and his family from sinful desires, false teaching, and Satan's temptations.

1. The Bible is the Word of God and the Book to live by.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16, MATTHEW 4:4, PSALM 119:9

2. A man must give thought to heavenly things, not only to earthly things.

MATTHEW 6:19-20, COLOSSIANS 3:2, MATTHEW 6:31-33

3. A man's main purpose in life is to love God with his whole heart and build his life around Him. DEUTERONOMY 6:5, PHILIPPIANS 3:8, MARK 12:30

4. Marriage is a life-long commitment to your wife.

MATTHEW 19:6, ROMANS 7:2-3, 1 CORINTHIANS 7:10-11

5. A man's children belong to God and he is responsible to teach them about God.

DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7, PSALM 127:3

6. A man's body is the temple of God and he must not make it unclean with sin.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:16-17, MARK 7:21-23, 1 PETER 2:11

7. Jesus is the Son of God and the only way to salvation.

JOHN 14:6, JOHN 17:7-8, JOHN 3:16

When you build convictions and follow them, God will bless you with spiritual strength. He will also bless your children. If you do not follow your convictions, the results will affect not only you and your family but also future generations (Exodus 20:5-6).

**HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO KEEP HIS LAW AND LOOK FOR HIM WITH ALL THEIR HEART. (PSALM 119:2)**

## Convictions:

- are Bible-based beliefs
- do not quickly change
- must be followed
- affect daily life

## Convictions are not:

- personal "likes"
- personal opinions

## Build convictions about:

- the Bible
- possessions
- purposes in life
- marriage
- children
- your body
- Jesus

**Convictions affect future generations.**

## WINDOW TO LIFE

Old Alex had a conviction that money is loaned by God. He believed that he should earn and manage it the way the Bible says to. He worked hard and had a good business. When he was old enough to stop working, he sold his business and was a rich man. He decided to use his money for the Lord's work. Some of it he gave to help build a church in a nearby village. He gave some to a Christian man who needed money to go to Bible school. Some he gave to a Christian leader to help him pay the costs of traveling in his Christian work.

Alex's convictions on money have helped him to be successful in using it to bring praise to God.

