



## Key Scripture

Colossians 3:18-21

### God's Divine Retribution

1. Fathers express love through provision

*If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*

1 Tim 5:8

2. Fathers express love through discipline

*My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline and do not resent his rebuke, because the LORD disciplines those he loves, and as a father the son delights in.*

Prov. 3:11-12

3. Fathers express love through discipleship

*For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, but loses his soul?...*

Matthew 16:26

### For personal reflection or group discussion.

- What were some of your father's favorite hobbies with his kids?
- What was your most memorable family trip? What made it so memorable?

### Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Read 1 Tim 5:8. Do you think provision is limited to physical needs? Why or why not?
- God has placed husbands as head of the household. Why do you think it is important to view them in this way?

### Start sharing. Choose questions that create openness.

- What difficulties do you feel fathers may need to overcome in order to disciple their families well?
- Do you feel like your picture of a father needs to change? Why or why not?

### Start praying. Be bold, and pray specifically.

Heavenly Father, thank you for being our perfect father. You have given us earthly fathers and today we honor them. Give them strength to minister to their families. Give us the strength to support them. Thank you for sending your son as the spotless lamb to die in our place. In His name we pray, amen.

### Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Call your father and thank him for being there for you.



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