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**Preparing Your Children For The Future.**

Fathers are in a unique position to impact the lives of their children in a very powerful way and prepare their children for the future.

1. Children, **HONOR** Your Father.
  - a. Ephesians 6:1-3 - *1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right 2 "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: 3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."*
  
2. Dads, **PREPARE** your children for the future.
  - a. Prepare children to **TRUST** God. To trust God means to believe His Word is true and He is faithful in all circumstances.  
  
*Proverbs 3:5-6 - 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. (Proverbs 22:19)*
  
  - b. Prepare children to **OBEY** God. To obey God means obey Him in all things, to follow God's plan for your life.  
  
*Isaiah 1:19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;*
  
3. **FOLLOW** my example.
  - a. 1 Corinthians 11:1 *Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ*

**Conclusion:** If children will honor their fathers and fathers prepare their children by being an example then children will grow to be strong spirit, soul, and body and be able to succeed in life and glorify God. Dad and child will be happy and blessed.

Discussion questions.

1. Why should children honor their fathers?
2. Why is it important to prepare children to trust and obey God?
3. How can fathers train their children to trust and obey God?