



# HANOVERDALE CHURCH

## Sanctified

Father's Day: Raising Children in a Fallen World

DEVOTIONALS FOR THE WEEK OF:

June 21, 2026

This week let's dig deeper on how to be godly dads in a fallen world.

**Monday: Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 6:9, Ephesians 6:2; James 1:17; John 17:11, John 6:57, Mark 14:36**

You may not have had the best dad in this life, but there is another Father in whom you can trust. What is His name and nature? In what ways is God a good and trustworthy Father? Spend time today thinking about ways that God has shown up in your life to bless and help you. Spend time thanking God for being that sort of Father.

**Tuesday: Proverbs 22:6**

What are dads told to do in Proverbs 22? Why is it so hard to train children? The phrase 'the way he should go' means every child has a different personality or passion. That means that the way a parent leans into training will be different with each child. When you look at your children or grandchildren (if you have them) or someone younger that you have an impact with, think about what is their personality bent. Ponder whether you are treating your training in light of who they are or who you are. Today, ask God for wisdom in training your children and grandchildren to steer them toward the Lord.

**Wednesday: Psalm 34**

In today's day and age, many parents are fearful about how their children and grandchildren are being raised and influenced by school and culture. Thinking about yesterday's passage, as a Christ follower, what do you hope for your children when they are older? What is the promise offered? With today's text, what are you hoping your offspring will turn out to be like? How can you encourage your family to be humble and boast in the Lord rather than their own accomplishments? Point to times when God has overcome your fears and answered your prayers. Pray with your offspring. Show them the Mighty God we serve. While it may be true that it seems like there is not much comprehension, as you are faithful, your kids and grandkids are watching.

**Thursday: Exodus 20:12; Luke 15: 11-32**

Why should a parent take seriously to train their children to be godly? What is the promise offered in this passage? This is the only one of the commandments that gives a promise when kept. To you, what does it mean for a child to honor a parent? What happens when a child is disobedient once or twice? Is that what this passage is talking about? If not, what is it talking about (see Luke 15)? What was the hope of the father of the wayward son? What was the father doing when his son was far away? What did he do when he returned? If you have children, or grandchildren who are far away, what can you be doing right now?

**Friday: Ephesians 1:4; 1 Timothy 5:8**

What are followers of Christ supposed to act like? What exactly does that mean to you? What is true of a father regarding being a 'holy' person? What about a father who does not take care of his own family? How can it be said that such a person is worse than an unbeliever? Does it mean to give the best of everything that a child asks for, every time? What are ways that you can care for your family members that truly meets their needs, instead of granting their wants? Today, ask God for wisdom in how you are taking care of your family.

**Saturday: Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Ephesians 6:4;**

What do your children need more than more toys? For their dads (and moms) to be present in their lives. How are you showing up in their lives right now? Bring your family into your world and go be present in theirs. Parent intentionally. Make plans to build memories. Give your family the best of you. Get to know your children and their families. Spend time listening to their music, or watching their games. Spend one-on-one time with your family members. Find a hobby that you can enjoy together. Respect your children's mother. Hard? You bet. Do it anyway.