

## WISDOM FROM GOD'S WORD

*Father's Day 2020*

### **Job: The Ideal in Fatherhood**

Job 1:1-22

**Truth:** *Job, though often known for his suffering, was the patriarchal ideal of fatherhood.*

#### Characteristics of a Truly Great Father (and Grandfather)

- They engage their child in activities and conversation
- They are interested in what their child is interested in
- They care deeply about the concerns of their child
- They help their child find the answers to their questions
- They let their child's imagination thrive
- They give their child responsibilities
- They read, and they read to their child
- They shoulder tough jobs in raising their child
- They maintain self-control in dealing with their child
- They do not act like a child with their child
- They put the interests of the child above their own
- They provide for their child
- They are there for their child when needed
- They protect their child and the mother of their child
- They are not afraid to show affection to their child's mother
- They discipline their child
- They are not too macho to tell their child "I love you"
- They let their child fail, and help them learn from their failures
- They celebrate the successes of their child
- They allow their child to get mad at them
- They do their best for their child

#### **The truth about character:**

*Unless God intervenes in a man's life, he will do what his character naturally dictates.*

1. Job lived his faith at home ..... Job 1:4

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2. Job never gave up on his children ..... Job 1:5

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3. Job stayed faithful to the Lord ..... Job 1:20-22

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