

How Fathers Love

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Fatherhood is an awesome blessing, privilege, and responsibility. When a man becomes a father, he is filled with exceeding joy and love for his child or children. This joy is tempered only by the immense responsibility to nurture the children into adulthood.

Fathers of sons often see their sons as near carbon copies that evoke much awe, pride, honor, and awareness of the responsibility to teach their sons how to become men. While the sons may appear to be “mini-ME’s” and share common inherited tendencies with their fathers, they are unique individuals and greatly benefit from being recognized and loved for their uniqueness.

Fathers demonstrate love for their sons in many ways. Christian fathers know the most important demonstration of love is to raise their sons “in the training and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4 NKJV). Because in so doing, they usher their sons into obtaining the greatest gift of all, to one day know and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Fathers also demonstrate love for their sons by living in accordance with the Word of God and thereby being a righteous example for them to see and follow. It has been said children do what they see their parents model. It is not enough to instruct sons without a real-life demonstration of a faithful walk (see 2 Peter 1:5–10). When a father is being a good husband to their wife, that is another way they are also loving their sons (see Ephesians 5:25). Simply put, fathers love with all their being!