

Job's Example as a Godly Father (Job 1:1-5)

Today's message will focus specifically on fathers,...but each of us can find very specific application to our own lives as we humbly listen to the Lord through His Word.

Q: How are you influencing the next generation? How are you influencing those around you?

I. Job's _____ as a Godly Father (v. 1)

Our responsibility at any age is to trust, love, and serve God. If we are faithful before a difficult time of trial, we are likely to be faithful in the midst of the trial.

A. His Godly _____—Job “was _____”

This word, “*perfect*” does not mean _____ for the Bible tells us that, “*All have sinned and come short of the glory of God*” (Romans 3:23).

This word, “*perfect*” is very similar to the Hebrew word translated, “*without spot or blemish*” when referring to the criteria that was to be used in selecting a lamb for Passover in Exo 12:5. The lamb was to have no recognizable external _____.

B. His _____ with God—Job “was _____”

Hebrews 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged [*cleansed*] with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission [*forgiveness*].

C. His _____ for God—Job “_____”

The “*fear of God*” is an inward _____ of God that is seen in a person's...

- *Obedience* –
- *Holy Fear* –
- *Love* –

It is also seen in...

- _____ *Living* – He was consistent in living for the Lord.
- _____ *Living* – He was able to worship the Lord through tragedy resulting in triumph.

Cf. Job 28:28; Ecclesiastes 12:13; Proverbs 9:10

D. His _____ toward sin—Job “_____ evil”

A healthy _____ of evil will be reflected in our lives obedience and holiness as we learn to keep sin at a distance.

II. Job's _____ as a Godly Father

A. His actions toward his _____ (v. 5)

As fathers and husbands we must be faithful in offering sacrifices for our wives and children. There are sacrifices that we must make as we go before the Lord interceding on their behalf—praying for others is a sacrifice.

1. He was spiritually _____.

Cf. Hebrews 13:17

Ephesians 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up [*to raise to maturity*] in the nurture [*training by discipline*] and admonition [*training by words or instruction to fear*] of the **Lord**.

Cf. Colossians 3:21

2. He was spiritually _____.

Cf. Psalm 63:1

3. He was spiritually _____.

He had an understanding of the sinful human nature—our natural bent toward sin.

Job desired that his children follow the Lord whole-heartedly.

4. He was spiritually _____.

Here we see Job's *spiritual consistency*.

B. His actions toward _____ (v. 6-22)

Q: How could a man respond this way to such a catastrophic day?

Job 1:22 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged **God** foolishly.

A Call to Action

Cf. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

1 Peter 5:5b ...for **God** resisteth the proud [*the one insisting on his own way*], and giveth grace to the humble [*the one submitting to God's way*].

2 Corinthians 9:8 And **God** is able to make all grace [*divine help*] abound [*superabound/ in excess*] toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency [*being content or satisfied*] in all things, may abound to every good work: