

Weigh In

Weighing the facts
about Fathers

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In Malaysia, it is typical for fathers to serve as the sole breadwinner and be less involved in other parenting responsibilities.

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For Christian men, the most common tactics of persecution include physical and psychological violence, imprisonment by the government, economic harassment and military conscription. For Christian women, attacks typically target their perceived purity.

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In traditional Vietnamese households, extended families often live together, with the father (or eldest male) holding the primary role as authority figure and provider.

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Father's Day is recognized and celebrated in more than 50 countries around the world.

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Corresponding Question Points:

1. Imagine being the only person responsible for meeting the daily financial needs of yourself and your family. What do you think this pressure would feel like? Have you ever carried a responsibility that others depended on you for? Explain.
2. Why do you think men and women experience persecution differently? What might be the underlying reasons for these differences?
3. We all come from families of different sizes, structures and roles. What advantages and challenges might different family situations create for the people within them?
4. How can the global recognition of Father's Day encourage Christians to pray for fathers everywhere – especially those facing hardship, persecution or overwhelming responsibility?

One Way

A Father's Spiritual Calling

"What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?"

~ Luke 11:11-12 ESV

A dad's role isn't just to keep his family safe and make sure everyone has food, clothes and a place to live. It's a sacred calling that has the power to shape hearts and direct lives. The Bible shows us – especially in Luke 11 – that God is the best Father, and He gives good things to His children. This helps us understand what earthly fathers should be like too.

A Christian dad cares about more than helping his children grow strong and healthy on the outside. He knows that life is full of big challenges, and his kids need more than just food and clothes. They need wisdom, spiritual strength and the ability to make good choices. That's why Christian dads work with their wives to help their children respect God and follow His ways.

One of the biggest areas where this matters is money. The Bible says money isn't just something we spend; it often reveals what is in our hearts. Learning to use money wisely is therefore not only a financial skill, but a vital part of growing spiritually!

Here are five important lessons Christian fathers teach about money:

1. Everything belongs to God. Psalm 24:1 reminds us that everything on earth belongs to the Lord. That means money isn't truly "ours"; it is entrusted to us by God. He lets us take care of it. So, we should use what we have wisely and honour Him with it.

2. Wisdom matters more than wealth. Proverbs 21:20 reminds us that wise people save and plan, but foolish people waste what they have. Before focussing on earning money, youth should learn how to make smart choices.

3. Stay away from greed and debt. Proverbs 22:7 warns that when people borrow too much money, they can become "slaves" to what they owe. Good dads protect their kids from the traps of greed and unwise borrowing.

4. Be generous and thankful. Proverbs 3:9 teaches that we should honour God with what we have. That means giving freely, helping others and being happy with what God gives us. Good dads show their kids how to share and be grateful.

5. Leave a legacy that lasts. Proverbs 13:22 says that a good man leaves behind an inheritance for his children and grandchildren. This doesn't just mean money. It also points to something deeper: a legacy of faith, kindness, wisdom and a life lived as a Godly example.

Learning to handle money isn't just about saving or spending. It's about trusting God, making smart choices and living in a way that honours Him. A Christian dad helps his kids grow not only outwardly, but inwardly as well – preparing them to be strong, wise and ready for whatever life brings.

