

A Father After God's Heart

I Cor 16:13,14

God has called men to lead with faith, love & perseverance - not perfection

- I. A godly father needs to walk with God
 - A. Joshua 24:15
 1. Pray openly
 2. Read scripture consistently
 3. Demonstrate your dependence on God
- II. A godly father leads with love & instruction
 - A. Ephesians 6:4
 1. Speak life, not anger
 2. Correct with love, not frustration
 3. Teach by example, not just instruction
- III. A godly father perseveres through failure
 - A. Psalm 103:8,13
 1. Own your mistakes
 2. Ask for forgiveness
 3. Keep walking with God
- IV. Takeaway: God's promises to faithful fathers
 - A. Joshua 1:9
 - B. We need God WITH us more than we need anything else!