



# CELL GUIDE 2015

Theme	Jubilee – Year of Family
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## Message Summary

### Becoming godly fathers

We are reminded in Proverbs 17:6 that the glory of children is their father. Indeed, as fathers, we need to ask ourselves, “Are we the pride of our children?” It is only when our children are proud of us will they look up to us as godly heroes and role models.

If our presence in the family makes no impact, then our absence certainly makes no difference as well. This sermon urges the fathers to think about their roles in the family, and how they can arise to be the godly fathers that our Lord has called them.

#### #1 Dedicate your family to the Lord

As fathers, we need to dedicate our families to the Lord. This means leading our families in serving the Lord, through worship and devotion. While all men are given the freedom of choice to follow the Lord, it is our roles as fathers to create the right spiritual climate for our children to encounter Jesus and the Holy Spirit. By offering our children in consecration to the Lord, we would also be giving them a gift of faith – What a wonderful thing that is!

Often, this dedication can also be reflected in the decisions we make in our daily lives. For instance, by encouraging our children not to skip church services or cell group meetings despite their busy study schedules, we will remind them that time with God cannot be compromised. As parents who follow the Lord, our children will see and grow up to serve God too.

#### #2 Arise as the head of your family

God calls us men to arise as head of our families. As the Head of the family, this means being a husband to our wife, a father to our children, and even an employer to our domestic helper.

Proverbs 4:23 prompts us to guard our hearts for men are weak and sometimes bow down to the idols (created things) instead of God (the Creator). Our children, too, are fallible. As fathers, we can exercise the authority and shepherd their hearts to our Father God. With a change in heart, a change in our children’s behavior will likely occur. Conversely, however, a change in behavior does not equate to a change in heart. We must begin with from nurturing the heart. Yet this can only happen if we exercise that loving authority by instructing, training, guiding, counseling and directing our children in the right way.

#### #3 Devote yourself to your family



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Devoting ourselves to the family involves many sacrifices. In recent times, there is an increasing trend of parents not spending sufficient time with their children during their growing up years due to responsibilities at work. The speaker gave examples where fathers were busy building their careers when their children greatly needed them.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 speaks of leading our children spiritually and impressing the commandments upon their hearts. However, this can only happen if the commandments are first impressed upon our own hearts.

As a parent, we can and should set the pace and be godly models so our children will know and follow our behaviour. We need to be conscious and intentional in fathering our children. For instance, a simple and frequent act of praying, as well as acknowledging Father God as Lord over the family can be powerful. Seizing every moment to teach our children the ways to lead godly lives will also help build a legacy of honouring God that will eventually run down the generations to come.

By doing so, we will arise as godly fathers to our children, and godly husbands to our wives in the eyes of our children.

## Questions

What are some of the ways men can become godly fathers?

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(For the men) What do you think your children are proud of you for as a father?

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(For the men) What are some of the ways in which you can improve to become a godly father?

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(For the women) How do you think you can help your (future) husband in becoming a godly father?  
(For the men) What is one practice you can introduce to your family to bless them through your spiritual Father?

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