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Surrender And Obedience
As A Way Of Life

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Sirach 42:9 NRSV

**A daughter is a secret anxiety to her father,
and worry over her robs him of sleep: when
she is young, for fear she may not marry, or
if married, for fear she may be disliked;**



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1 Corinthians 4:15

For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

Malachi 4:5-6 ESV

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

John 14:8-9 ESV

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?

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GUARDIAN: PAIDAGOGOUS

A teacher or guide that would oversee the education of a child BDAG

“Τρέφειν (Guardian) is used for upbringing and education, and it is more vegetative than ethical in character.”TDNT

“In the culture of the time, parents, particularly (the father) exemplified proper behavior. Children were expected to learn not only trade but appropriate behavior by modeling after their fathers.”

New Interpreters Bible Sampley, J.P

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1 Corinthians 4:16 NRSV

I appeal to you, then, be imitators of me.

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According to Socrates

“The education of a Father was to embody good resolve, brave actions, discipline and wisdom.” (paraphrase) G. Friedrich TDNT

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“The wisest of these gives instruction in the fear of God and in kingship, the most righteous in uprightness, the most prudent in inner freedom and self-discipline, the most manly in fearlessness... Even war, which catches up everything like a whirlpool, cannot take this away” *G. Friedrich TDNT*

Proverbs 20:6

Amplified Bible Many a man proclaims his own loyalty and goodness, But who can find a faithful and trustworthy man?

Matthew 1:19-20 NRSV

Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. 20 But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.'

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Matthew 1:24-25 NRSV

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, 25 but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son;[a] and he named him Jesus.

Matthew 2:13-14 NRSV

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' 14 Then Joseph[a] got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt,

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Proverbs 4:1

**Listen, children, to a father's instruction,
and be attentive, that you may gain insight;**

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 NRSV

6 Now we command you, beloved in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you,

8 and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. 9 This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. 10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat.

11 For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work.

12 Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. 13 Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Philemon 10-12 NRSV

10 I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. 11 Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. 12 I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.

Philemon 17-19 NRSV

17 So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. **18** If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. **19** I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self.

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