

"DAD: Spend Time with your Kids!"

Malachi 4:6 and selected Scriptures

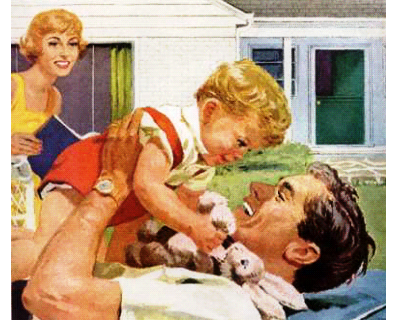
INTRODUCTION: Malachi 4:1-6

Too many fathers today have no time for their children.

(too pre-occupied with careers, money, houses, pleasures, etc.)

* **Dad, isn't it time you paid more attention to your children?**

I. **Examples of dads who neglected their sons:**



A. David neglected Absalom when he needed attention. (II Sam. 14:23,24; 28)

B. Eli neglected Hophni and Phineas when they needed discipline. (I Sam. 2:12; 3:13)

C. Isaac neglected Jacob by showing favoritism to Esau. (Gen. 25:28)
(Note: Jacob would later follow suit and favor Joseph and Benjamin)

D. Samuel neglected his sons perhaps by being overly busy in the ministry.
(I Sam. 8:3, 5)

E. Manoah neglected Samson's need for self-control by catering to his unbiblical wants. (Jud. 14:1-3)

II. **Three examples of fathers who had a heart for their families.**

A. Job SACRIFICED for his family to BE RIGHT with God (Job 1:1-5)

B. Abraham TAUGHT his family to OBEY God (Gen. 18:19)

C. Joshua LED his family to SERVE God (Josh. 24:15)