# Good Fathers

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#### Joshua 24:14-15

14 "Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15 But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

The Bible says a Good Father...

# 1. REJECTS THE "GOD'S" OF THIS WORLD & FAITHFULLY SERVES THE LORD

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#### 2. DELIGHTS IN GOD'S HOLY WORD

## <u>Psalm 1:1-3</u>

I Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. 2 But <u>his delight is in the law of the Lord</u>, and on his law <u>he meditates day and night</u>. 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which <u>yields its fruit</u> in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

### 3. SOWS <u>LIFE</u> INTO HIS FAMILY

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#### Ephesians 6:4

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.