# Winning through challenges in fatherhood



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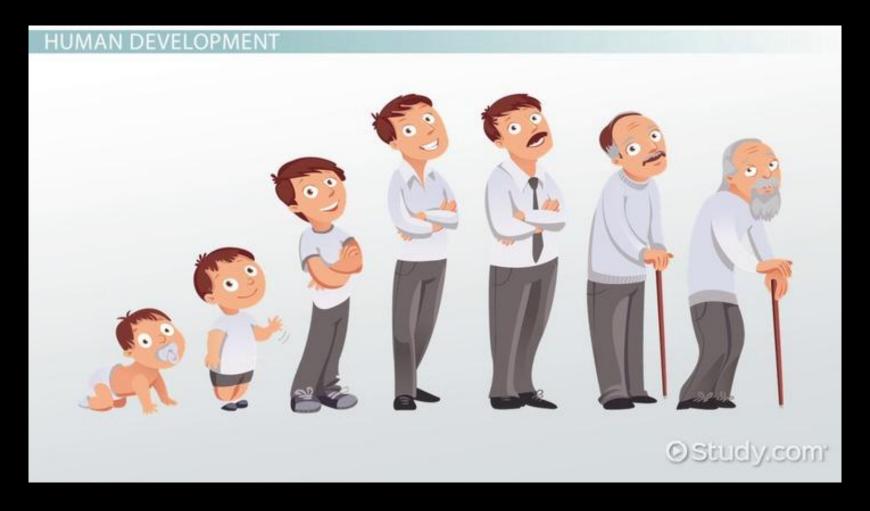
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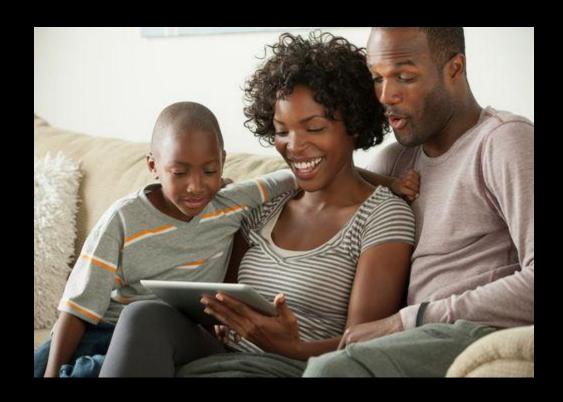
### Father indeed!

# Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it"

### How we grow

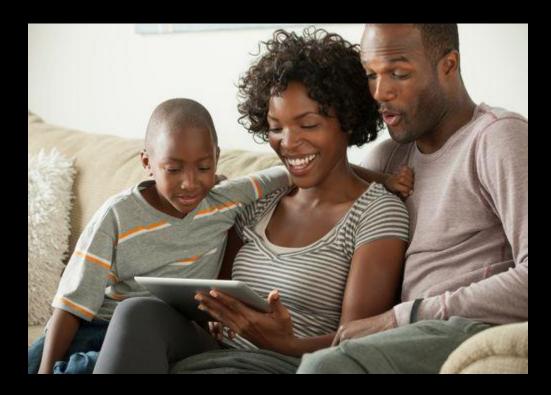


### Who is a parent?



The Latin root is parere, "give birth to, produce."

### Who is a father?



The Latin root is pater, "How to say father in Latin. Latin Translation. pater. More Latin words for father. pater noun. pater, sire, head, chief · genitor noun. creator, ancestor."

### **Parenting**

- The activity or process of bringing up a child as a parent
- The process of promoting and supporting the physical, emotional, social, spiritual and intellectual development of a child from infancy to adulthood
- Single parents, orphaned children?







### Stage/period of Temporary Insanity (madness)

- Period of 4S (Stress, Storm, Stream and Strife)
- Increased compassion patterns, love, anger and jealousy
- Outbursts of emotions

### Godly children

- They are children that are like Christ
- Children that fear God and live upright lives
- Children that please God always







### The Error of Eli

### 1 Samuel 3:13 KJV

"For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not."

## The Error of Hezekiah (Isaiah 38:1-7)

#### 2 Chronicles 33

- 1Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem:
- <sup>2</sup> But did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, like unto the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

<sup>9</sup> So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, and to do worse than the heathen, whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel.

### The Faithfulness of Abraham

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### Fatherhood: state of emergency



Ogun state teenagers behead the girl friend (Sofiat) of one of them (Soliudeen) for money rituals



Two teenage girls arrested in April 2020 sentenced to death by hanging by Enugu high court in 2022 for killing Delta parents



Elozino Ogege, DELSU student, murdered for money ritual in 2018 by "Yahoo Plus" boys



### Justice For Jennife





Plangnan killed in Rayfield and vital organs removed during Christmas period of 2021

### Fatherhood: state of emergency cont.

- The Almajiris on the streets
- The little occult boy in Adamawa
- The Ogun state teenager that slaughtered girl friend (28/01/2022)
- The Delta girls that arranged murder of their parents
- The boy that killed his girl friend on 31/12/2021
- Teenagers drinking sniper and committing suicide
- The Plateau drug addicts
- High rate of promiscuity and godlessness in line with 2 Timothy 3
- Lazy children
- Social media addicted children
- Family pornography

### Why all these atrocities?

- Love of money
- Craze for fame
- Loss of moral values in our society (moral decadence)
- Failure of political leadership
- Failure of religious leadership
- Failure of the school system
- Lack of godly parental upbringing

#### The duty of children is to obey their parents

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

Ephesians 6:1-3

**KJV 1900** 

#### The duty of fathers is not to provoke their children



### Godly children protect women



# Steps to fatherhood and raising godly children

### An encounter



### 1. Spend time with your family

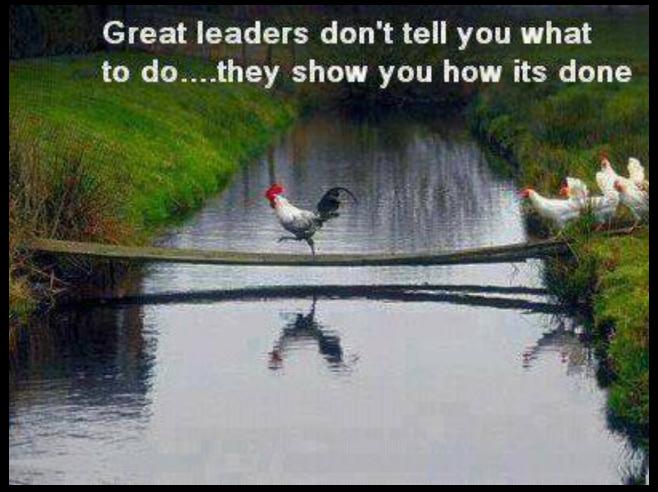




Time=Love

### 2. Be a Leader to your children!

Are you a godly parent?



Mentor your children and be their best friends

### 3. Don't go for shortcuts in life

- Shortcut to wealth and riches?
- Shortcut to exam success?
- Shortcut to political careers?
- Shortcut to attainment in life?
- Shortcut to breakthroughs?

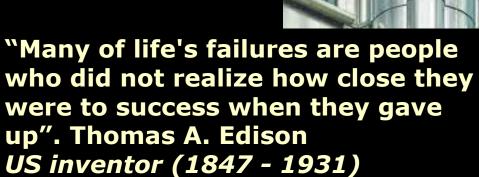


"The longest distance to success is a shortcut"

### 4. Don't give up parenting! Determination pays!









Malaysia's iconic 88-storey Petronas Twin Towers soars 452m, or 1,482ft, into the sky and is one of the landmarks of Kuala Lumpur

### "In the middle of difficulty, lies opportunity"-Albert Einstein



Joy Bishara and Lydia Pogu

### 5. The meditation/prayer strategy















The family that prays together stays together, and if they stay together they will love one another as God has loved each one of them. And works of love are always works of peace.

— Mother Teresa —

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### You need God!



