

# Being a Discipling Dad

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## **Basic definition of a disciple**

A disciple is a \_\_\_\_\_

## **Three fundamental principles of Christian discipleship**

Principle #1: \_\_\_\_\_ are disciples \_\_\_\_\_

Principle #2: \_\_\_\_\_ are to become  
\_\_\_\_\_ for Christ

Principle #3: Disciple-making involves both  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

## **Why dads should disciple their children**

- A. Because of the \_\_\_\_\_ for parents to pass on their faith to the next generation (Deut. 6)
- B. Because of the \_\_\_\_\_ throughout Proverbs of a father instructing his son (Pr. 1:8-9; 4:3-6, etc.)
- C. Because it will bring you \_\_\_\_\_ (Pr. 23:24-25)
- D. Because it is the antidote for \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 6:4)
- E. Because you \_\_\_\_\_ your children (Heb. 12:6-9)

## **Three qualities of a good disciple-maker**

Quality #1: A good disciple-maker is \_\_\_\_\_

Quality #2: A good disciple-maker is \_\_\_\_\_

Quality #3: A good disciple-maker is \_\_\_\_\_

## Elements of paternal discipleship from Proverbs

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (4:3-6)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (1:8-9; 4:1)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (3:12)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (6:20-23)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (23:22)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ (13:20)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ (28:24)
8. \_\_\_\_\_ (29:3)
9. \_\_\_\_\_ (30:17)

## Elements of paternal discipleship from the NT

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 6:4)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ = child-training → “do this”
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ = admonition → “don’t do that”
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thess. 2:11)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ a prodigal son (Luke 15:20-24)

## Some Practical Ideas

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## Discipleship Resources for Dads

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*Please use biblical discernment.*

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*Prices subject to change.*

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### For young children through primary grades

- *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* (\$15.00)
- Marian M. Schoolland, *Leading Little Ones to God* (\$14.50)
- Catherine F. Vos, *The Child's Story Bible* (\$19.50)  
[watch for literary extrapolation]
- Sally Lloyd-Jones, *The Jesus Storybook Bible* (\$12.50)

### For elementary-aged children

- Allan Hart Jahsmann *et al.*, *Little Visits with God* (\$10.00)
- *Moral Lessons of Yesteryear* (out of print – hard to find)
- *Sabbath Readings for the Home Circle*  
(reprinted by A. B. Publishing; out of print)
- Marty Machowski, *Long Story Short: Ten-Minute Devotions to Draw Your Family to God* (\$14.50)

### For late elementary/Jr. High

There are several helpful resources from Gary Maldaner of Plan Path Publishers that I have used with my boys (plainpath.org):

- *Polite Moments*
- *Christian Character*
- *Christian Leadership*
- *Christian Manhood*

### For new believers Jr. High age through adult

- The Christian Growth Series of booklets (*Milk, Meat, Bread, Fish*) from Positive Action for Christ
- John MacArthur, *Fundamentals of the Faith*

### High School and Beyond

- Trevor McIlwain, *Firm Foundations: Creation to Christ* (an excellent in-depth study of God's plan of redemption; available in both HS/adult and children's versions from NTMbooks.com)
- *The Shorter Catechism: A Modest Revision for Baptists Today* (published by Truth for Eternity Ministries; Reformed Baptist)
- Jim Berg, *Changed into His Image*, student edition (\$11.00)
- Larry Burkett, *How to Manage Your Money* (\$12.00)

### Good Books to Read Together and Discuss

- E. M. Bounds, *Power through Prayer* (included in *E. M. Bounds on Prayer*, \$8.00)
- Robert E. Coleman, *The Master Plan of Evangelism* (\$9.00)
- Ken Ham, *The Lie: Evolution* (\$10.99)
- John MacArthur, *The Book on Leadership* (\$17.00)
- Oswald Sanders, *Spiritual Leadership* (\$11.00)  
[note: the original 1967 edition, if you can get it, is better than the updated version by Moody]
- James W. Sire, *The Universe Next Door* (\$15.50) [excellent primer on worldviews; a "must read" before college]
- Missionary biographies
- ... and many, many more ...