

## Living with Urgency; Built for Significance

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That's a wise father! This weekend we celebrate Father's Day. You may receive some gifts you don't really need: socks, cologne, and an unusual looking tie! The greatest gifts you can give your children, however, are ones they desperately need – the gifts of your time, your attention, and your presence.

You have been created by God with one of the most significant purposes anyone can have. Your heavenly Father wants you to be a great earthly father. He desires that you live with Christ's character, giving your children the best example possible of how to live. Your daily habits of reading the Bible, praying, sharing your faith, and talking with your children about the great spiritual truths of God's Word will not only prepare them for life on their own, it also prepares them for eternity.

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godly impact upon your children.*

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