

**4 Responsibilities of Parents:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ your kids for life.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ your kids in storms.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ with your kids for fun.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ your kids to God.

**5 foundations for great fathering:**

**1. Accept Their \_\_\_\_\_ !**

*(Proverbs 22:6 NIV) "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."*

*(1 Corinthians 12:6) "God works through different people in different ways..."*

*(Galatians 6:4 NCV) "Each person should judge his own actions and not compare himself with others. Then he can be proud for what he himself has done."*

*(1 Corinthians 13:5 LB) "...Love does not demand its own way..."*

**2. Affirm Their \_\_\_\_\_ !**

*(Matthew 10:29 +31 NLT) "Not even a sparrow can fall to the ground without your Heavenly Father knowing it... and you are much more valuable to him than a whole flock of sparrows."*

*(Psalm 139:13-14 NLT) "God made all the delicate parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous."*

**HOW DOES OUR HEAVENLY FATHER DO IT?**

*(Matthew 10:30 MSG) "God pays great attention to you, down to the last detail – even numbering the hairs on your head!"*

*Hosea 11:4 (TEV) "I drew them to me with affection and love. I picked them up and held them to my cheek."*

*Isaiah 43:4 (NLT) "God says '...you are precious to Me. You are honored, and I love you.'"*

*(Proverbs 12:25 LB) "A word of encouragement does wonders."*

**3. Trust Them With \_\_\_\_\_ !**

*Luke 16:10 &12 (NCV) "Whoever can be trusted with a little can also be trusted with a lot. And if you cannot be trusted with things that belong to someone else, who will give you things of your own?"*

*(Galatians 6:5 NLT) "We are each responsible for our own conduct."*

**4. Correct Without \_\_\_\_\_ !**

*(Proverbs 19:18 TEV) "Discipline your children while they are young enough to learn. If you don't, you are helping them destroy themselves."*

*(Proverbs 13:24 NLT) "If you refuse to discipline your children, it proves you don't love them; if you love your children, you will be prompt to discipline them."*

*(Ephesians 6:4 LB) "Don't keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. Rather, bring them up with the loving discipline ... with suggestions and godly advice."*

*(Ephesians 4:29 GN) "Don't use harmful words... Use only helpful words, the kind that build up..."*

**5. Love Them \_\_\_\_\_ !**

*(Ephesians 4:32 NCV) "Be kind and loving to each other, forgiving each other just as God forgave you in Christ."*

*(1 Corinthians 13:7 PH) "Love knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope; it can outlast anything."*

*(Isaiah 54:10 TEV) "The mountains and hills may crumble but my love for you will never end; so says the Lord who loves you."*

*(Proverbs 14:26 LB) "Reverence for God gives a man deep strength; his children have a place of refuge and security."*