

BEING A GOOD, GOOD FATHER

now *AND* forever

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Then we ...stayed at the home of Philip the Evangelist, one of the seven men who had been chosen to distribute food. ⁹He had four unmarried daughters who had the gift of prophecy. **Acts 21:8, 9** (NLT)

➤ 3 COMPONENTS OF A FATHER WHO BLESSES

“Now look around among yourselves, friends, and select seven men who are well respected and are full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom. ⁵This idea pleased the whole group, so they chose the following: Stephen, Philip... **Acts 6:3, 5** (NLT)

1. _____ – “men who are well respected.”

Choose a good reputation over great riches, for being held in high esteem is better than having silver or gold. **Proverbs 22:1** (NLT)

What does it take to be respectable?

Don't let people look down on you because you are young; see that they look up to you because you are an example to them...Be careful in your life and in your teaching. If you continue to live and teach rightly, you will save both yourself and those who listen to you. **1 Timothy 4:12, 16** (PT, NCV)

- **Live** _____ “Be careful in your life...”
- **Teach** _____ “Be careful in your.....teaching.”
- **Model** _____ “...continue to live and teach rightly...”

- Philip the menial waiter - Acts 6:1-7
- Philip the popular preacher - Acts 8:1-25
- Philip the isolated teacher - Acts 8:26-40

- Philip the effective father - Acts 21:8, 9

NOTE: “Consistently” does not mean _____.

Whoever covers over his sins does not prosper. Whoever confesses and abandons them receives compassion. **Proverbs 28:13** (GWT)

2. _____ - “men who...are full of the spirit.”

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. ²⁵Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. **Galatians 5:24-25** (NIV)

Those who live following their sinful selves think only about things that their sinful selves want. But those who live following the Spirit are thinking about the things that the Spirit wants them to do. **Romans 5:8** (ICB)

3. _____ - “men who... are full of...wisdom”

Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, ¹¹ for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her. **Proverbs 8:10, 11** (NIV)

▪ If I want to be a wise father I must...

1. _____ God for wisdom.

If any of you needs wisdom to know what you should do, you should ask God, and he will give it to you. God is generous to everyone and doesn't find fault with them. **James 1:5** (GWT)

2. _____ with wise people.

Whoever spends time with wise people will become wise. But whoever makes friends with fools will suffer. **Proverbs 13:20** (ICB)

3. _____ instruction.

Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise. **Proverbs 19:20** (NLT)

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