

Mark 10:17,18

Our  
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Father



# Turn of the century Swiss study on a father's influence on his children's faith.

If both father and mother attend regularly, 33% of their children will end up as regular churchgoers, and 41% will end up attending irregularly. Only a quarter of their children will end up not practicing at all.



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**Turn of the century Swiss study  
on a father's influence on his  
children's faith.**

**If the father is irregular and  
mother regular, only 3% of  
the children will  
subsequently become  
regulars themselves, while a  
further 59% will become  
irregulars. Thirty-eight% will  
be lost.**



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# Turn of the century Swiss study on a father's influence on his children's faith.

If the father is non-practicing and mother regular, only 2% of children will become regular worshippers, and 37% will attend irregularly. Over 60% of their children will be lost completely to the church!



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What happens if the father is regular but the mother irregular or non-practicing? Amazingly, the percentage of children becoming regular goes up from 33% to 38% with the irregular mother and up to 44 % with the non-practicing. This suggests that loyalty to the father's commitment grows in response to the mother's laxity or indifference to religion.

A photograph of a man in a red and blue plaid shirt and dark pants, seen from behind, carrying a young child on his back. They are walking away from the camera on a dirt path through a field of tall grass. The background is a soft-focus landscape under a bright sky.

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**There are many examples of poor fathering in the Scriptures.**

Isaac and Jacob practiced favoritism among their sons.

Eli, Samuel, & David failed to discipline their sons.

Manassah & Ahaz delivered their children over to demons.

Solomon taught well but seems to have failed in setting the proper example for his sons.

**We must look to our heavenly Father for the good and proper example of how we should father.**

Our heavenly Father is impartial.

Our heavenly Father disciplines us.

Our heavenly Father protects us.

Our heavenly Father not only teaches us, but He also sets the proper example.



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