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Let's look at four great tips from the Bible that remind us what God does as our Father and will help us be better fathers as well.

#### 1. Patience

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, [b] not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

God is so patient as our Heavenly Father. He withholds His judgement as He waits for people to repent.

-We should be careful about losing our patience with our children.

-When we are patient with our children, we create a safe environment where they feel free to discover the treasures in life. If we intimidate and fill them with only fear, then we can shut them down. We shut down their creativity, their desire to explore and discover, the desire to soar.

-Good fathers understand the difference between immaturity and rebellion and allow their children to stumble into maturity.

-How long has God been patient with you as you have tried to get things right in a certain area of struggle.

**Illus-**In a recent article Billy Graham commented about his relationship with his son, Franklin, "

In a radio interview not many years ago, Franklin told about his rebel years of drinking, drugs, smoking, girls, and fast driving. These were things he said his mother and I knew nothing about—or so he thought. And he said he never forgot a conversation I had with him in Lausanne, Switzerland, in 1974. I assured him of our love, no matter what he did, where he went, or how he ended up.

He knew that he could always phone us, collect, from anywhere in the world, and that whenever he wanted to come home, the door would always be open. He also knew we would never stop praying for him. It was actually during a trip to the Middle East, while in Jerusalem, that he made his firm decision to follow Christ."

#### 2. Provision

Matthew 6:26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

He is Jehovah Jireh, our Provider. He is the Shepherd of Ps 23 that says "we shall not lack." He is the God of Phil. 4:10 that promises to supply all our needs. He is the loving Father of Matthew 6 that feeds the birds and promises to feed us.

-Good fathers desire to and work hard to provide for their children. The natural things and the spiritual things. Natural food and spiritual food. Natural clothes and spiritual clothes.

-God provides for our needs. In kindness and mercy He even sends rain on the unjust as well.

-There are times when we as fathers need to respond to "wrong" in our kids with kindness and mercy.

### 3. Protection

Hebrews 12:5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons:

" My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD,  
Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;  
6 For whom the LORD loves He chastens,  
And scourges every son whom He receives."[a]

7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? 8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. 11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Illus--Most of us have had heard our Dads say, "I'm doing this for your own good. It hurts me more than it hurts you." We thought, "Yeah, sure Dad!" but now we realize that it was true.

The father who does not care, does not correct.

Father God is our strong tower and shield. He protects us in so many ways:

**A. Intervention** - He gets between us and what the Devil is up to and delivers us through a way of escape (1 Cor. 10:13). As good fathers, we should teach our children how to recognize the way of escape when they are faced with temptation. We do this by talking with them and giving them examples of how to handle different scenarios. We share times that we got out of temptation and the times we failed and what it cost us.

**B. Correction** - Yes correction is a way that God shows us His love and teaches us to avoid something worse later on. Good fathers will correct their children out of love and use the correction as a teaching tool for their future benefit. Just yelling, spanking, and threatening with do little good and possibly a lot of damage.

### 4. Permanence

Romans 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written:

" For Your sake we are killed all day long;  
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."[c]

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that

neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

-The above passage, like no other, tells us that God loves us with a steadfast undying love. He is not going to bail out on us. He can be depended on through thick and thin.

-Good fathers will demonstrate to their children that they will walk through the good times and bad times with them. They will walk through the fire for them. They will go to the cross for them. This is what our Heavenly Father did for us.

-This persevering love will teach our children the true value of relationships and life and love.

-Good Fathers are willing to forgive.

-Good Fathers are willing to repent.

-Good Fathers are willing to sacrifice in order to help their kids.

**Conclusion:** Let us endeavor to be patient fathers, fathers who provide what our kids need in the natural and the spiritual, fathers who protect and correct, fathers who go the distance in love. If we do these things, we will be better fathers.

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