

"The Making of a Daddy"
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Lessons in ^ Self-Control Pt 1
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Judges 13:3-5 you will soon become pregnant and give birth to a son. You must not drink wine or any other alcoholic drink or eat any forbidden food. ... and his hair must never be cut. For he will be dedicated to God as a Nazirite from birth. He will rescue Israel from the Philistines."

Keys to Successful Dad-hood:

1) Living out a strong faith.

Judges 13:12 So Manoah asked him, "When your words come true, what kind of rules should govern the boy's life and work?"

Hebrews 11:6 it is impossible to please God without faith.

2) A commitment to healthy boundaries for the kids.

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2 Tim. 2:22 Run from anything that stimulates youthful lust. Follow anything that makes you want to do right. Pursue faith and love and peace, and enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.

3) A willingness to sacrifice things of great value.

Judges 13:15 "Please stay here until we can prepare a young goat for you to eat."

4) Communicating a healthy respect for God.

Judges 13:21-22 The angel did not appear again to Manoah and his wife. he said to his wife, "We will die, for we have seen God!"

John 3:30 He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.

Dad's most valuable teaching:

Diminishing dependence on parents.

Growing dependence on God the Father.

5) Active involvement in the lives of the kids.

Judges 13:24 When her son was born, they named him Samson. And the Lord blessed him as he grew up.

Deut. 6:6-9 And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away on a journey,

6) Understanding the battle of the free will.

Judges 13:25-14:1 (NLT) the Spirit of the Lord began to take hold of him. One day when Samson was in Timnah, he noticed a certain Philistine woman.