

A man in a black leather jacket is lifting a young child into the air. The child is laughing and has their eyes closed. They are in a field of dry grass. The man is wearing a black leather jacket over a light-colored shirt and light-colored pants. The child is wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt, grey pants, and sneakers. The background is a blurred field of dry grass.

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A Dad that Honours God

What are the responsibilities of a father that honours God?

Learning Objectives:

Know: Fathers will **know** the responsibilities of a dad that honours God.

Understand: Fathers will **understand** the responsibilities of a dad to their family.

Do: Fathers will **do** the necessary things to become a dad that honours God.

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12

11 For you know that we dealt with each of you
as a father deals with his own children,

12 encouraging, comforting and urging you to
live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his
kingdom and glory.



Brief Background of Thessalonians

- Paul wrote this letter around A.D. 49-51.
- Written for the church in Thessalonica during Paul's second missionary journey.
- The purpose of the letter is for them to restore their hope, which has been tested by unexpected deaths in the church, with the reassurance that believers in Christ Jesus will be safe in his second coming.
- It also tells about Paul's stress on the authenticity of himself, Silas, and Timothy as preachers of the Gospel, persecution is normal for Christians and challenges them to take responsibility for earning their own living.
- The central theme is Jesus's second coming. When he returns, the dead who believe in Christ will rise and join the living to meet the Lord. Unbelievers will experience God's wrath, while believers will inherit salvation.

**What are the
responsibilities of a
father that honours
God?**

POINT No.1

**A father deals
with his children**

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 (NIV)

11 For you know that we dealt with each of you
as a **father deals with his own children,**

12 encouraging, comforting and urging you to
live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his
kingdom and glory.

Deal

- **to concern oneself or itself**
- **to take action with regard to someone or something**

Hebrews 12:5-6 (NIV)

⁵ And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, ⁶ because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”



Proverbs 13:24 (NIV)

Whoever spares the rod hates their children, but the one who loves their children is careful to discipline them.

POINT No.2

**A father encourages
his children**

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 (NIV)

11 For you know that we dealt with each of you
as a father deals with his own children,

12 **encouraging**, comforting and urging you to
live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his
kingdom and glory.

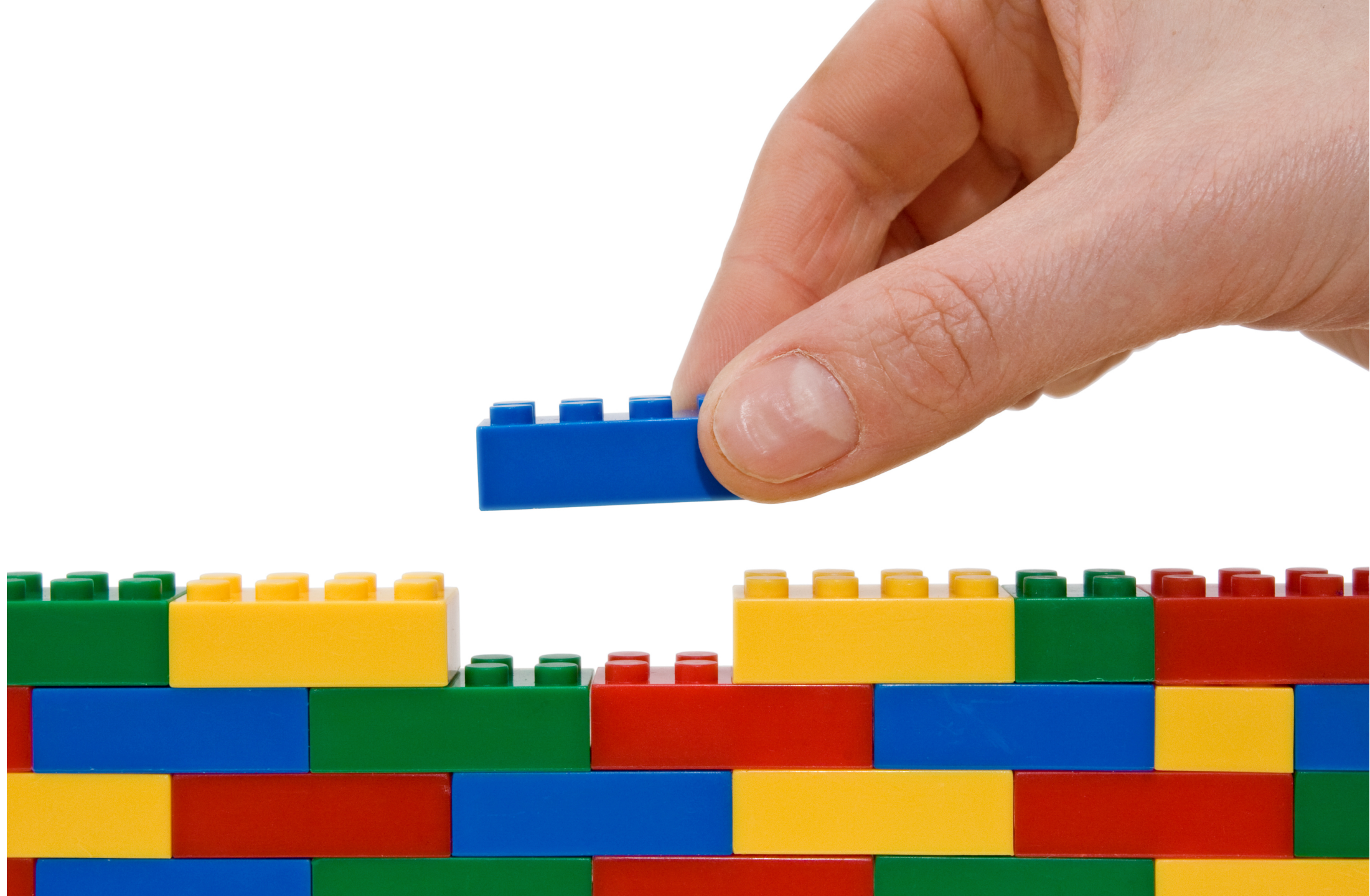
Encourage

- to inspire with courage, spirit, or hope
- to attempt to persuade
- to spur on or stimulate
- to give help or patronage



1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.



POINT No.3

**A father
comforts
his children**

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 (NIV)

11 For you know that we dealt with each of you
as a father deals with his own children,

12 encouraging, **comforting** and urging you to
live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his
kingdom and glory.

Comfort

- to give strength and hope
- to ease the grief or trouble



2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV)

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,

⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

POINT No.4

**A father
urges his children
to have lives worthy
of God**

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 (NIV)

11 For you know that we dealt with each of you
as a father deals with his own children,

12 encouraging, comforting and **urging** you to
live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his
kingdom and glory.

Urge

- to undertake the accomplishment with energy, swiftness, or enthusiasm
- To stimulate



Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Deuteronomy 6:6–7 (NIV)

⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-2 (NIV)

¹As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more.

²For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Let's pray and bless our fathers to be reminded of their responsibilities so that they could honour God as they lead their families towards Him.