Greatest Challenges faced by Christian Dads
“What’s your single greatest challenge as a father?”

1,929 Total Responses

63 Tagged Issues

8 Major Groups

4 Core Challenges
Who are these dads?

Most are married

Most have no mentor

82% non-ministry jobs

63% self-grade B or above

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4 Core Challenges

Leadership | 55.8%
- Feeling inadequate & like failures 26.0%
- Balancing priorities & time management 15.1%
- Providing strong leadership 14.7%

Communication | 25.2%
- Communicating & connecting 21.1%
- Working through marriage trouble 4.1%

Training | 13.5%
- Training, obedience & discipline 13.5%

Adversity | 5.5%
- Handling challenging & difficult children 4.0%
- Overcoming financial challenges 1.5%
Dads struggle with time allocation

They’re wearing a lotta hats or hustling at a demanding job. They feel time-strapped.

Dads aren’t great communicators

They can’t get their children to open up, or they just don’t think they’re being heard.

Dads feel stuck

They want to be better fathers and husbands, but don’t know where to begin. They want to set a great example but aren’t sure how.
“Time. I feel like my wife and I have so much to do. We love each other but are overwhelmed by the sheer volume of work required to raise our boys and successfully manage other aspects of our lives.”
Communication

“I can’t get my son to listen or talk to me or anyone.”
“Worried that it’s too late and not worth starting now.”
“Not being a good example to my boys or being someone they do not look up to.”
“Expecting things done the way you want but nay, siblings appearing innocent about it.”

“I have 7 kids...it’s all a challenge.”

“Procrastination. I’ve realized it could be too late if I wait just a little while longer.”
Where have the dads gone?

1960

2010

Source: US Census Bureau
What are the odds?

- A teen has a father in the home? 69%
- A teen has a cell phone? 90%

Sources: USA Today and US Census Bureau
Misrepresent the image of God

The big prize

Obliterate a nation

Destroy families

Break up marriages