

Greatest Challenges Christian Dads are Facing

Being a Godly dad in our culture is no walk in the park. In fact, it can be downright treacherous. Dads have told us their greatest challenges, and we thought this input was so powerful, we'd share it with you.

1,929 Total Responses **63** Tagged Issues **8** Major Groups **4** Core Challenges

Feeling inadequate & like failures

- Unsure where to begin **145**
- Setting the right example **129**
- Anger and impatience **120**
- Guilt over the past **71**
- Am I doing enough? **39**
- Consistency **39**
- Apathetic/passive **34**
- Feeling like a failure **33**
- Didn't know to disciple **28**
- New dad **21**
- Trusting God **20**
- Fear of failure **18**
- Single dad **15**
- Selfishness **14**
- Being more sensitive **8**

Communicating & connecting

- Improving communications **159**
- Finding common ground **85**
- Meaningful conversations **82**
- Parenting adult kids **69**
- Being present **43**
- Back-talk or disrespect **39**
- Physical distance **30**
- Teaching the Bible **29**
- Rebuilding relationships **21**
- Technology's impact **20**
- Getting kids to listen to me **17**

Balancing priorities & time management

- Allocating limited time **183**
- Not enough time each day **161**
- Need more quality time **46**
- Energy after work **22**
- Running out of time **14**

Providing strong leadership

- Procrastination **122**
- Being intentional and focused **102**
- Leadership **86**
- Discipleship **51**
- Delegating to others **24**
- Leading through trials **15**
- Grandparent/grandchildren **10**
- Leaving a legacy **6**

Training, obedience & discipline

- Owning their faith **82**
- Battling outside influences **68**
- Balancing discipline with grace **65**
- Discipline and correction **49**
- Getting kids to obey **27**
- Parenting teenagers **21**
- Motivating them to take action **19**
- Letting go carefully **18**
- Battling entitlement **8**
- Purity and sexual issues **8**
- Helping kids speak righteously **6**
- Setting appropriate expectations **6**
- Dating relationships **5**

Working through marriage trouble

- Divorce and separation **48**
- Marital problems **31**
- Divorce and remarriage **29**
- Wife opposed to discipleship **8**

Handling challenging & difficult children

- Child's too far gone **34**
- Difficult children **32**
- Rebellious or prodigal child **32**
- Child's mental health issues **12**
- Illness & Health **2**

Overcoming financial challenges

- Financially providing **30**
- Career problems **11**

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%**

Adversity 5.5%

- Handling challenging & difficult children **4.0%**
- Overcoming financial challenges **1.5%**

Training 13.5%

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

Top 10 Tagged Issues

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