Godly Father

Role description

As a Godly Father to (my children's names) it is my responsibility to train them in the way they should go\(^1\) based on God’s Word\(^2\). I love my children and enjoy spending time with them in a way that conveys to them how much I value them. I am a model for my children of what a godly father and husband should look like.

1. Pray for them as individuals & as a whole family

   I need to make this my number one commitment in this area. I will follow the plan in Power of a Praying Parent.

   Goal: Use Prayer notebook with pattern from Power of a Praying Parent book once per week

2. Focus on discipling each child & the family as a whole

   I will continue with our weekly devotions, but I will also begin making a strong effort to teach each of them how to have a quiet time with God. If I can accomplish this, they can feed themselves when they are on their own.

   Goals: One devotion meeting per week
          One-on-one quiet time teaching 1x every other month

3. Spend time with the whole family in fun

   We will plan a regular Family Night Out and rotate who gets to choose what we do. We will give each person a budget to work with and they get to plan our activities that night.

   We need to plan regular Game & Movie Nights where we stay in and watch movies or play games – no money spent.

   Goals: Take one over-the-top vacation (minimum 7 days)
          One Family Night Out per month
          One Game & Movie Night per month

4. Spend time serving others together

   While we are doing a good job of giving money to help others each month, we are not doing anything to actually help others directly, by using our hands. I want to begin looking for ways we can serve others together as a family to show the children how much we are needed. (See Compassionate Neighbor for goals).

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\(^1\) Proverbs 22:6
\(^2\) Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Ephesians 6:4