

# The Father's Strength

Ephesians 5:22-25

Introduction: Father is the bread winner, 1 Timothy 5:8  
Father is a teacher, Proverbs 22:6  
Father is nurturer, Ephesians 6:4

Cornelius is an Example, Acts 10:2

## I. He Was A Devout Man

He was faithful to his family.  
A devout soldier was sent to Peter, Acts 10:7  
Devout Jews heard on Pentecost, Acts 2

## II. He Feared God

Fear God and keep his commandments, Eccl. 12:13  
They will call on me, but...Proverbs 1:28-29

## III. He Feared God With All His House

He led his family to God.  
Joshua said, As for me and my house..." Judges 24:15  
Fathers should lead the way to worship.

## IV. He Gave Much Alms to People

He was interested in others  
How do you spend your money?  
Annual spending      on tobacco  
                                    On liquor  
                                    On gambling

## V. He Prayed to God Always

There is power in prayer  
We need fathers who pray  
Some cannot pray, Proverbs 23:9, John 9:31

Conclusion:

- A. The world needs Christian homes; a Christian home needs a Christian head.
- B. Christianity is to live by as well as to die by.