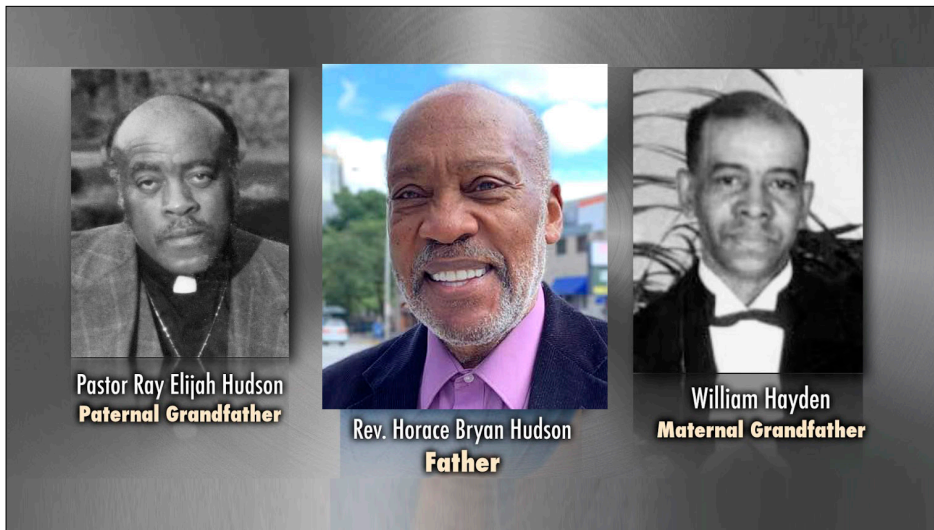




Fathers in 3D: Our Destiny, Design, Duty

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**Compassion** is "love in action"



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**Proverbs 17:6**, *Children's children are the crown of old men, and the glory of children is their father.*

**Proverbs 1:8**, *My son, hear the instruction of your father, and do not forsake the law of your mother;*

## FATHERS IN 3D

- 1 - A Father's Destiny (Purpose)
- 2 - A Father's Design
- 3 - A Father's Duty

### A Father's Destiny (Purpose)

Psalm 103:13 ESV *"As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him."*

Compassion is more than a feeling. Compassion is motivation to take action. In the gospels, when Jesus was moved with compassion miracles and blessings followed.

According to Proverbs 1:8, Fathers **instruct**, mothers **impart the law** of God.

Instructions and principles form the basic tools for building anything, including a life.

"Law" speaks of what to do. "Instruction" speaks of how to do.

### A CHILD'S GLORY

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Every creation of God has a particular glory. In this instance, glory is not God's presence, **glory is attributes and purpose.**

Glory as a verb or action word has to do with gaining mastery and victory.

## A CHILD'S GLORY

The root Hebrew meaning of the word glory in Exodus 14, according to the Strong's dictionary means, **"to make oneself heavy, make oneself dense."**

The Apostle Paul talked about the **"weight of glory."**

## A father is destined to bring correction and Instruction.

Correction from a father prepares children to accept God's correction

Hebrews 12:9, *"Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?"*

## A Father's Design

Design is critical to the success and proper functioning of anything or anyone.

One of the definitions of abuse is "abnormal use."

**Genesis 2:15** *Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden **to tend and keep it.***  
**16** *And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;*  
**17** *but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."*



1. Every person is **Imago Dei** (God's Image)
2. Human fathers are designed to **reflect** Father God's:  
**Image** (Character)  
**Likeness** (Manner)  
**Dominion** (Action)
3. He is designed to **cultivate** (tend and keep) the purpose of God in sons and daughters

4. Fathers and men are designed to guide children, and others, around and away from weak and valueless things.

**Galatians 4:9** *"But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how is it that you turn again to the **weak** and **beggarly elements**, to which you desire again to be in bondage?"*

3. He is designed to **Reflect Christlikeness** and **Remove any curse**

**Galatians 3:13**, *Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*

## A Father's Duty

Fathers are **gateways** to provision, protection and power.

**Jeremiah 17:19**, *Thus the LORD said to me: "Go and **stand in the gate** of the children of the people, by which the kings of Judah come in and by which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem; 20 and say to them, "Hear the word of the LORD, you kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, who enter by these gates.*

1. His duty is to **lead the way**. Not like Samuel who failed in his duty as a father or his sons did not follow instruction

**1 Samuel 8:1-3**, *Now it came to pass when Samuel was old that **he made his sons judges over Israel**. 2 The name of his firstborn was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba. 3 **But his sons did not walk in his ways**; they turned aside after dishonest gain, took bribes, and perverted justice.*

2. His duty is to **overcome** obstacles and **build** for the future

**Nehemiah 4:14**, *"And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and **fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses.**"*

3. His duty is to **set standards** that children and others can follow

Proverbs 22:28 *"Do not remove the ancient landmark which your fathers have set."*

**Our responsibility to our Father is to:**

**Listen** to him

**Learn** from him

**Lean** on him

**Love** him