

# Do Not Abdicate!

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## Abdication Defined:

1. to give up formally a high office, such as a throne!
2. to surrender or renounce a right or responsibility!
3. to give up a place of authority by procrastination, laziness, indecisiveness, hesitation or fear!
4. to surrender simply doing what is right:
  - a) to take the easy way out
  - b) to avoid conflict or arguments
  - c) to take the path of least resistance
  - d) to do what is politically correct

## Synonyms

### Surrender:

1. to give up possession of
2. to yield to another's demands
3. to give in

### Abandon:

1. to give up completely or forever
2. to desert, to quit
3. a complete rejection of one's responsibilities

### Repudiate:

1. to disown
2. to refuse to accept or support

## Fatherhood is a high office, a God given responsibility, a place of authority!

Many fathers only sleep at their homes; they have abdicated most of their responsibilities to others. They fail to provide spiritual leadership for their children or to develop their characters.

Let us look at practical areas of abdication:

1. Spiritual leadership of the home
2. Family Devotions
3. Prayer
4. Television control
5. Personal habits and hygiene
6. Choice of friends
7. Knowing where the children are and having a definite time to be at home
8. Financial realm--staying out of debt
9. Tithing
10. Treating and respecting their mother i.e. all women
11. Respecting authority
12. Good manners

## Three Power Points:

1. Satan wants to "deceive and destroy" your children!
2. There is a "tug of war" being waged for the hearts and minds of every person on earth.
3. Values are best taught subtly, casually, with unplanned interactions, watch for windows of opportunities.

## Two Appalling Examples of Abdication:

- A. David with his 4<sup>th</sup> son Adonijah—I Kings 1:5-6
- B. Eli's sons—I Samuel 2:12-17, 22-36; 3:11-21; 4:3-22; 8:1-6