

## Overcoming the Regret of Fatherhood Failures

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### Scriptures:

- Exodus 20:12, *NLT*
- Ephesians 6:1-3
- Colossians 3:20, 21
- Colossians 3:20, 21, *AMPC*
- Romans 10:11
- 1 Peter 5:5-8
- 2 Corinthians 7:2, 3
- Titus 2:11, 12
- Romans 3:4
- Romans 8:1, 26, 27
- Revelation 12:10, 11
- 1 John 1:7
- 1 John 2:2
- John 1:29
- Philippians 3:13, 14
- Romans 8:28, *NLT*
- Ephesians 2:10, *NLT*

### Summary:

*God has specific instructions for dads that some men can struggle with; however, we must never let our mistakes open us up to shame or condemnation. Many fathers who feel they have failed on multiple occasions can fall into the trap of believing the devil's lies that they are failures. The strategy to overcome this is to believe what **God** says instead—that they are righteous and redeemed, regardless of their shortcomings.*

### Notes:

1. The enemy attacks fathers with feelings of shame and guilt for their parenting mistakes. He uses feelings of failure against dads to prevent them from being the leaders God wants them to be in the home.
2. The devil tries to trick fathers into walking in shame and thinking they are failures; it takes faith for men to resist that way of thinking and to believe that they are redeemed children of God who made a mistake. There's a difference between failing at something and *being* a failure.
3. Listening to who God says we are, not who the enemy says we are, helps us as parents. We can overcome our failures by becoming aware of our weaknesses so that we can avoid repeating our bad behaviors. We do this when we learn to yield to the Holy Spirit's work.
4. There are scripturally-based ways to get rid of regrets from fatherhood failures. Verbally declare that there's no condemnation in Christ when regret shows up. Leave the past behind and move forward. Be thankful, know God's will for you, and stay humble.

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