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3. Fathers love their children and teach them the gospel (D&C 68:25-28)
4. Fathers who hold the priesthood have the right and responsibility to:
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 - Administer to the sick in their family
 - Receive inspiration and revelation for their families
 - Name and bless, baptize, confirm and ordain their children, under the direction of the bishop.
5. Fathers encourage eligible family members to serve as missionaries and receive temple blessings.
6. Fathers keep the commandments and set good examples for their children.
7. Fathers are worthy companions to their wives.
8. Fathers counsel often with their families and maintain good communication with family members.

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