

## **How to be a Duct Tape Dad**

What does it mean to be a father?

**Fathers are spiritual warriors:** Eph 6:11, “Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”

Psalm 127:3-5, “Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth.”

**Fathers are men who walk with integrity:**

Prov 20:7, “The righteous man walks in his integrity and his children are blessed after him.”

**Fathers are strong and courageous:** Josh 1:9

**Fathers represent the compassion of God:**

Psm 103:13, “As a Father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him.”

**Fathers love their wives as Christ loves the church Eph 5:25**

**Fathers can fix things:**

Duct tape was first invented during World War II when the military needed a waterproof tape to cover ammunition cases. Back then it was called “Gun tape.” After the war, this new kind of tape was used to fix air-conditioning ducts and that’s why it’s called duct tape. Astronauts on Apollo 13 used Duct tape to save their lives by fixing the air filter.

What I would like to do is think about how duct tape applies to being a Christian.

**I. Duct Tape holds things together:**

Col 1:17 says this, “He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”

Jesus is the one who holds our lives together. He is the one who holds our relationships together. Jesus is the one who holds our families together.

Psalm 127:1, “Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it.”

In Joshua 24:15, Joshua said, “Choose who you will serve, but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord.

Jesus is the duct tape the holds the church together and without Him we would fall apart.

## **II. Duct tape is Strong but flexible:**

Eph 6:10 says, “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the devil’s schemes.” (Be Strong)

Eph 6:4 reminds fathers to be flexible. “Fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.”

## **III. Duct tape can lose its effectiveness:**

Don’t allow yourself to get exposed to the elements of the world or you might risk losing those intrinsic qualities as a father.

Jesus said in Luke 14:34, “Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?”

Paul said, “Imitate me as I imitate Christ” (1 Cor 11:1).

1 Tim 4:12, “Let no one despise your youth, but be an example of the believers, in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”

## **IV. Duct Tape is not a Permanent solution:**

Duct tape is good for fixing things in an emergency, but it usually only works for a short period of time. When it comes to solving life’s problems, only Jesus can give a permanent fix.

John the Baptist is a good example of this. He said to his disciples, “I must decrease, and Jesus must increase” (John 3:30).

John provided a temporary fix for sin by getting people ready for Jesus and instructing them to repent and be baptized. However, there was only One who could solve the issue once and for all.

Galatians 2:20, “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”

Jesus is the only One who can permanently solve our issues.

## **Close:**

Like Duct tape, dads with the help of Jesus, hold the family together. They are strong and flexible at the same time. They are aware of the danger of being exposed to the world. Dad knows that Jesus is the only one who can fix the problems of life.