

I am a **GOOD FATHER**



THE GOOD FATHER CREED

Good Fathers are like good farmers: they know how to look after their daughters and provide them with the right care to keep them safe, make them grow, and know when they are ready for a new season.



I know that my attention to my daughter is like sunshine for a crop. She cannot grow without the right amount of attention to her needs, and the right environment. I will help her grow strong and prosper. I will provide the right environment for growth by never hurting her or anyone in our home.



I know that being a good father means knowing how to be strong and loving. My love for my daughter waters her growth by making her feel full of life. I will encourage my daughter so she knows her future is important.



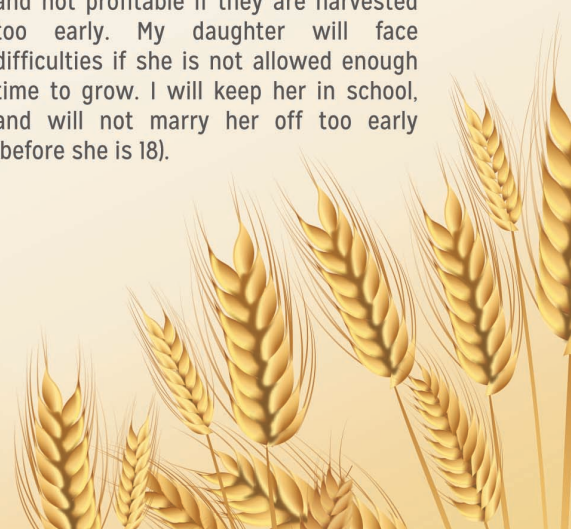
I will protect my daughter from anything that might try to destroy her peace and growth. Just like a farmer protects his crops from pests and weeds, I will make sure that nothing harms my daughter. I will not let any person harm or abuse her.



I will not allow my daughter to be uprooted and leave the protection of home too early. Just as crops are weak and not profitable if they are harvested too early. My daughter will face difficulties if she is not allowed enough time to grow. I will keep her in school, and will not marry her off too early (before she is 18).



I will not allow any outside pressure to make me value my daughter less than she deserves. Just because a crop looks like it is going to fail does not mean a farmer sells his land. He plans for the next crop. I will always value my daughter and believe in the prosperity of her future. I know my daughter is a gift from God and I will appreciate her individually.



WHAT A GOOD FATHER MUST KNOW

TRAFFICKING

What it looks like:

Someone who is likable and seems trustworthy will come to your village to talk about opportunities in the city. They will say that a good job, marriage offer, education opportunity or something nice is waiting in the city. They will say that it is safe, and that if you send your daughter she can send money back home to support her family. This person can be someone who is familiar/known to you, your family or to a friend. They usually come to the village and a family during a difficult season when families are most likely to need or want new opportunities.

What really happens:

When these girls are taken to the city they are treated as slaves. They are starved, abused, beaten and tortured, and locked up to be raped (abused) by men. They never get a good job, and they don't send money home, and most of the time their families never hear from them again.

Child Labour

Child labour is requiring or forcing a child (below 18 years) to work, especially when they should be in school. It is against the law to make a child work when she should be in school.

Child Marriage

It is wrong and against the law to get children married before they are ready. The law says that girls cannot be married before 18 years of age and boys before 21 years of age. Girls who get married too early are much more likely to face abuse, to get sick during pregnancy and child birth, and to raise unhealthy children. Waiting until they are ready means they, their children and families live healthier and happier lives.

Dowry

It is illegal to offer to give or to receive any compensation or gift for the marriage of a girl.

Be a Good Father! Be on Red Alert!

A Good Father knows what to look out for, and how to protect his daughter and his village.

- Protect your daughter.
- If anyone comes to your village offering jobs, marriage, education or a better life in the city for your daughter or children be very wary of them! This is what bad people do to steal your daughters!
- If a girl has gone or been taken to the city and you are afraid for her or haven't heard from her, call our helpline!
- If you are suspicious that someone is a trafficker, or if you are worried about a girl (your daughter or someone else's) who has gone to the city then call our helpline!



OPERATION
RED ALERT



RED ALERT HELPLINE

1800 419 8588

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