

# Father-Child Relationships - The Oldest Child Affects the Younger Children's Relationship

Do you have a daughter or daughters? How does a father's relationship with the oldest child (boy or girl) in the family influence his relationship with a young daughter?

In this article I'll share with you some ideas that may help you understand how your relationship with the oldest child in the family is influencing your relationships with the younger children in your family.

I am not an expert in this area by any means; I am merely passing on my observations from my own family life and the many other families I have met through my profession. I have 3 boys and 4 girls the oldest at the time of writing is 13 years old. With child numbers like that, you can see I have some experience.

I have become interested in this area of Father Daughter relationships because I believe it is an area of great import, and yet brushed over or even neglected by many families. Firstly the oldest child in a family, be it a boy or girl will often have more influence over their siblings, step siblings or other children in your care at home than a father figure will.

Based on this idea, it stands to good reason that if a father's relationship with the oldest child in the house will influence how the rest of the children behave toward the father of the house. The next thing that fathers need to be aware of is that developing a deep and transparent relationship with your daughter is hard enough without the shadow of influence from an ill affected older sibling pulling your daughter away from you.

Perhaps the final point has less influence over a father's relationship with a daughter, but it still needs to be considered. That is the way that a father deals with his oldest child is going to set an expectation for a younger daughter. That expectation will also influence the way the younger daughter responds to you. I'm not sure how you feel when your daughter seems a little cool toward you. But it does not feel nice to me. Next time it happens, give your relationship with the oldest child another thought.

Let us remember that females are built on an entirely different emotional chassis to men. They pick up the "vibes" of the father's relationship with the oldest child and this will affect their emotions about the father too. I've found great solutions for family relationships by studying with the free IBLP Daily Success Email program. This can be found at: <http://www.dailysuccess.org> this site will redirect to another page.

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