

# ***Father's Day***

## ***The Role of a Father is Teaching Your Children Well***

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*Father's Day 2020*

*Ephesians 6:4*

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*Fathers do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4).*

***What if I could tell you that there was a way to guarantee that your children will be:***

- . 5 times less likely to commit suicide.***
- . 32 times less likely to run away.***
- . 20 times less likely to have behavioral disorders.***
- . 14 times less likely to commit rape.***
- . 9 times less likely to drop out of high school.***
- . 10 times less likely to abuse chemical substances.***
- . 9 times less likely to end up in state-operated institutions?***

***Would you be interested in finding out the secret?***

***Here it is***

***-THE PRESENCE OF A FATHER IN THE HOME-***

***So how did Father's Day come about?***

***Sonora Dodd, of Washington, first had the idea of a "Father's Day." She thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909.***

***Sonora wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart.***

***Mr. Smart, who was a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife died while giving birth to their sixth child.***

***He was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington state.***

***After his daughter Sonora became an adult, she realized the selflessness her father had shown in raising her and her siblings as a single parent.***

***It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man.***

***Sonora's father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19th of June 1910.***

***President Calvin Coolidge, in 1924, supported the idea of a national Father's Day.***

***Then in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.***

***President Richard Nixon signed the law which finally made it permanent in 1972 (42 years ago).***

***And now, on the third Sunday in June families pause and reflect on that member of the family ...***

***The one they know as the compliment of their mother... their father.***

***I am thankful for the insight and efforts of Sonora Dodd in helping families to celebrate a special day for fathers.***

***Her father played a role in her life leading her to honor him for being a courageous . selfless, loving father...***

***He seemed to have found the formula spoken of in scripture.. He was one of the fathers who did not provoke his children to anger...***

***Rather than provoke them to anger, we are to***

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...bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4 b )

***So what is the role of a Father***

***Ephesians 6:4***

***There is no role in our modern society that suffers greater neglect as far as God is concerned than that of the father.***

***Not only has God given men the incredible privilege of imitating Him as Father, He has placed upon the shoulders of fathers an incredible responsibility.***

***As our society has chosen this day to celebrate fathers, it is appropriate to remind fathers of their God given responsibilities.***

***By God's standards, anyone who is a father should first be a husband.***

***Therefore, being a responsible father first necessitates being a good husband.***

***One must love, honor, nourish and cherish his wife in every aspect of her life.***

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Ephesians 5:25-31 NLT

...husbands love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her (26) to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word.

(27) He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.

(28) In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself.

***The standard by which husbands are to love their wives is stated outright, and it's a high standard, indeed: "Just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her".***

***The love of Christ took Him to the cross; the love of a husband for his wife will involve a similar giving of himself, (hopefully the end result is not as bloody).***

***This is the nature of true love, being godly love, that it is desiring to sacrifice for the loved one.***

***Such is the nature of marriage that God intends husbands to sacrifice for their wives.***

***The goal of husbands loving their wives is also addressed.***

***Christ's goal for the church is***

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***"to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless" Ephesians 5: 6-7).***



***Husbands cannot sanctify their wives exactly like Christ sanctifies the church, but they can set the spiritual goal of their wives being all that Christ wants them to be.***

***Then husbands can, in love, work toward helping their wives achieve that goal of Christlikeness.***

***Husbands who love their wives remember that they are..***

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***"fellow heirs of the grace of life" (1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:7).***

***The Bible also gives husbands a practical way to gauge the genuineness of their love for their wives:***

***WE men can ask ourselves.. are we caring for our wives' in a way comparable to how we care for themselves?***

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“Husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church” (Ephesians 5:28-29).

***The “one flesh principle” comes into play here.***

***Selfishness has no place in a marriage.***

***And, ironically, as we love our his wife as Christ loves us, we will find that we will reap the benefits of such love.***

***Blessings from the lord and our family will united in a heavenly way***

***What is a husband’s responsibility?***

***To love his wife. Without selfishness, without reservation, and without condition.***

***Love her as Christ loved the church unto death.***

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John 13:1 ESV

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, ***he loved them to the end.***

***Love her, seek her best good, sacrifice for her benefit, give yourself to her wholeheartedly, and, when that's all done, love her some more.***

***You might be thinking, pastor, I thought this was my day, Father's Day! Why all this love my wife stuff.. What about the children?***

***Because only when a husband loves his wife as Christ teaches him will he then be prepared to be a good father.***

***Your children will learn to love their future spouse, deal with life's difficult situations, and discover how to pray and love your Lord, soon to be theirs, from the example you provide in loving their mother...***

***Your actions or display of Christs love to your wife and others around you is of great matter in the forming of their lives to serve God...***

***I have found what we love and worship as fathers is what our children will tend to prefer also...***

***Our children will usually make what is most important to them what is most important to you dad..***

***That's why God instructed the Israelites going to the promised land to...***

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## Deuteronomy 11:18-22 ESV

“...lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

(19) You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. (20) You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, (21) that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth.

(22) For if you will be careful to do all this commandment that I command you to do, loving the LORD your God, walking in all his ways, and holding fast to him.

***How would we apply this today?***

***First we as dads should do as verse 18 says...***

***We should commit ourselves wholeheartedly to the word of God.***

***Instead of strapping them to our hands and wearing them on our forehead as reminders, we should as the psalms say... We are to...***

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Hide his word in our hearts, that we might not sin against Him (Psalms 119:11).

***In fact, the verses before verse 11 expose the truth of what this achieves for us...***

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Psalms 110 9-11

How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word...don't let me wander from your commands.

***How do I keep from wandering?***

I have hidden your word in my heart to the end that I might not sin against you.

***There is a reason the psalmist is hiding God's word in his heart. ...***

***He knows that he is a sinner and having the treasure of God's word hidden in a safe yet accessible place will help him fight against sin.***

***Dad's we are in a battle against sin and you can't win!***

***Our children are in a battle against sin and need you to train them in righteousness so they can handle life to come... Your It!***

***Teach them God has won the battle of sin on their behalf and has already defeated the power of sin and Satan in your and their life...***

***Tell your children what God did for you because and what God will do for them because you trusted His son Jesus.... We find this in Colossians 2:14-15***

***Here is what God did for those who trust his Son, when he died on the cross:***

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Colossians 2:14-15

"The record of debt that stood against us he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him."

***When Christ died for our sins, Satan was disarmed and defeated.***

***The one eternally destructive weapon that he had was stripped from his hand, namely, his accusation before God that we are guilty and should perish with him.***

***When Christ died that accusation was nullified.***



***And then assure them that those who entrust themselves to Christ will never perish.***

***Satan cannot separate them from the love of God in Christ.***

***And then affirm to you child that no one can condemn them... Read them romans 8:34-39...***

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Romans 8:34-39

Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

***Affirm to your child asking...***

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(35) Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?

***Answer....***

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(37) No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

***Conclude to them about your conviction that you are...***

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(38) ...convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. (39) No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***Hey dad...You mean we will be forever together because of the love Jesus has for us? That is right my child.. forever together....***

***Let me end with giving you an assurance as a father/Father from God's word.. It comes from proverbs..***

***In fact, read your children the book of proverbs while you rock them to sleep... See who can stay up the longest... My bet is the child!***

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***Proverbs 22:4-6***

***True humility and fear of the LORD lead to riches, honor, and long life.***

***Let them know that..***

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***Corrupt people walk a thorny, treacherous road; whoever values life will avoid it. (vs 5)***

***By doing so and here is your assurance from God...***

***If you will...***

Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it (vs 6)

***Mom and Dad... you are the most important person of influence in your child's or children's life...***

***Do not leave it up totally up to the school or church or government or other people of influence to raise your child... Use them to help support your walking you children to God...***

***Its monkey see monkey do.. , Be kind to your little monkeys and lead them by your manifesting Christ to them.. Then the will hear no evil, see no evil and do no evil that can destroy their eternal life..***

***Love ya dad's***

***Pastor Mike***