

WHAT'S A FATHER TO DO?

Proverbs 23:22-25

INTRODUCTION

- A. Parent's it takes two! A Father and a Mother!
- B. History of Father's Day.
- C. 1 CO 11:2-3; EP 5:25-29; PH 2:5-8; 2 CO 8:9; RO 5:7-9; 1 CO 7:3-5; 1 PE 3:7.
- D. What is a father to do?

DISCUSSION

- I. A FATHER MUST BE A GOOD HUSBAND.
 - A. One cannot be a good father without first being a good husband.
 - B. EP 5:25-33.
 - C. Many societal problems are the result of young people having a distorted and dysfunctional model of the home.
- II. A FATHER MUST BE A SPIRITUAL LEADER.
 - A. There are many things our children need to know in life, but none more important than matters dealing with God and eternity.
 - B. EP 6:4.
 - C. Headship cannot simply be abdicated. GE 18:19; DT 6:6; JO 24:15; HO 4:6-11; MT 6:33; HE 10:24-25.
- III. A FATHER MUST BE PATIENT.
 - A. EP 6:4.
 - B. CO 3:21.
 - C. There is tremendous power in praise as well as criticism.
 - D. Make sure your children know you love them because of who they are and not what they do.

CONCLUSION

- A. HE 11:4.
- B. What kind of legacy are you leaving your children?
- C. What kind of legacy do you want to leave your children?
- D. "Be a faithful Christian daddy!"

One evening, while sitting around the dinner table, a little girl looked up and asked her father, "Daddy, you're the boss, right?" Her father was very pleased by this and replied, "Yes." Then, the little girl continued, "That's because mommy put you in charge, right?"

A father carries pictures where his money used to be. (Unknown)

A father is someone you look up to no matter how tall you grow. (Unknown)

A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty. (Unknown)

Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father. (Lydia M. Child).

His heritage to his children wasn't words or possessions, but an unspoken treasure, the treasure of his example as a man and a father. (Will Rogers JR).

It doesn't matter who my father was; it matters who I remember he was. (Annie Sexton).

It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father. (Pope John 23rd).

He didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it. (Clarence Budington Kelland).

I've had a hard life, but my hardships are nothing against the hardships that my father went through in order to get me to where I started. (Bartrand Hubbard).