

Father's Day

Ephesians 6:1-4

Introduction: What happened to the fathers? "What is a father"
Fatherhood is being a spiritual, positive example for your family. Fatherhood is being accountable and responsible, fatherhood is being a provider and protector of your family.

I. We Are Commanded to Honor Our Fathers

- A. Are they necessary?
1950 88% had two parents in home 2011 68%. 2022 52%
Dad doesn't go kids 2% regular 37 irregular. 41 not at all
Dad & mom go 33 % regular. 41 irregular. 24 not at all
- B. Bible says to honor parents
Eph. 6:4, 10 commandments (5th one), abuse/neglect: but provided
Rev. 21:8
- C. What do fathers do?
Care enough to take job seriously
Care enough to spend time with them
Care enough to take personal interest in them: friends/activities
Care enough to teach self discipline and responsibility
Care enough to discipline them (apathy is worst)
Care enough to teach them the Bible
Care enough to set right example

II. How Do We Honor Them?

A. By Our Words

Fathers are to speak well

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.
7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

What the tongue reveals

A harsh tongue reveals a negative heart
A negative tongue reveals a fearful heart
A boasting tongue reveals an insecure heart
An overactive tongue reveals an unsettled heart
A judgmental tongue reveals a guilty heart
A critical tongue reveals a bitter heart.

We are to speak well of our fathers

Luke 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks

Matthew 12:36 But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment

James 3:12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh

B. By Our Use of Time

Fathers are to use time wisely. 75 % before age 7, 90% before 18

Deuteronomy 6:7-9 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. **8** You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. **9** You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

We are to honor our fathers with our time

Ephesians 5:15-16 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

James 4:14 For what *is* your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away

C. With Our Lives (We resemble our parents: you touch eternity)

Fathers are to use their lives in service

Genesis 18:18-19 For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him."

We show respect by the lives we live

2 Kings 14:3 And he did *what was* right in the sight of the Lord, yet not like his father David; he did everything as his father Joash had done

1 Kings 2:1-4 Now the days of David drew near that he should die, and he charged Solomon his son, saying: **2** "I go the way of all the earth; be strong, therefore, and *prove yourself a man*. **3** And keep the charge of the Lord your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn; **4** that the Lord may fulfill His word which He spoke concerning me, saying, 'If your sons take heed to their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul,' He said, 'you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'