

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY DAD

INTRODUCTION

Fathers have one of the most important tasks in all of society and it's a tremendous responsibility. We are to humbly lead our families by loving our wives, delighting in our children, disciplining when necessary, and preach the gospel to them through our words and actions. We are to be willing to push back against a culture that is slowly trying to usurp the fathers authority in the family and give our God given roles to the public institutions. By the grace of God may we lead our children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord and train them in the way they should go and not become lazy and expect the churches, or schools, to do the parenting for us. We are not just training our kids to be successful, we are fighting for their hearts and minds since they are not just warm bodies but souls as well!

In the end, we are to model God's grace towards us in the way we parent our own children and point them to our perfect heavenly Father, the one whom we can cry ABBA! Father!

VERSES IN SERMON

Ephesians 5:25-33
1 Peter 1:22-24
Phil. 2:3-8
Matt. 19:5-6
Proverbs 3:11-12
Proverbs 13:24

Deut. 6:5-9
2 Timothy 3:14-15
1 Timothy 1:2
1 Timothy 1:18
2 Timothy 1:2
2 Cor. 12:9
Hebrews 4:16

Isaiah 6:1-8
1 Timothy 1:18
2 Timothy 1:2
2 Cor. 12:9
Hebrews 4:16
Isaiah 6:1-8



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DISCUSSION

- Why do you think the Father's (parent's) example in the home is so important?

EXPLANATION

Read Titus 1:6-9 (*qualification's for elders in the church*).

- Do you think these qualifications should be a model for ALL fathers?
- Why/Why Not?

Alistair Begg - "When my children hear godliness from my mouth and they see wickedness in my life then I point them to heaven, but I lead them to hell"

APPLICATION

- Read Proverbs 29:15, Proverbs 22:15

In Proverbs the rod is often associated with wisdom; folly with a person who does not fear God or submit to authority.

- When you discipline your children do you tend to focus more on the behavior of the child, or strive to get at the underlying issues of the heart?
- Do you tend to lean more towards severe discipline or too much latitude?
- Do you find yourself disciplining out of frustration and anger?

John Newton - "I know that my father loved me, but he didn't seem to wish me to see it"

MISSION

Pray for wisdom in your dealing with your children and ask that God will give you a spirit of self control and discipline.

- How can you make sure you discipline your children without anger?

FURTHER READING

"Pastor Dad - Scriptural Insights on Fatherhood" - Mark Driscoll

(http://theresurgence.com/books/pastor_dad) (free ebook)

"Grace Based Parenting" - Tim Kimmel

"Shepherding a Child's Heart" - Tedd Tripp

Homework

Throughout the week, examine yourselves and how you interact with your children. Do you tend to get angry with them because they impinge on your "personal time" or do you delight in every opportunity you have to spend time with them? Look for those times with your children when they open their hearts to you and seize that moment! Those times don't come by schedules and may occur when you are tired and just want to sleep!