

Father's Day: The Father Heart of God Sermon Guide

In this powerful Father's Day message, we explore the vital role of fathers in families and society. The sermon emphasizes the importance of being rooted in God, committed to covenants and raising children in the fear of the Lord. Let's dive into the key points and reflect on how we can apply these teachings to our lives.

Sermon Summary:

- Fathers play a crucial role in determining a child's success and happiness.
- Being rooted in God (Father Son and Holy Spirit) is essential for bearing fruit.
- Commitment to covenants (marriage and church) is vital for family flourishing.
- Fathers need to be intentional in raising children in the discipline of the Lord.
- The importance of getting back up after failure and not giving up.
- The need for men to initiate relationships with fathers, brothers and friends.
- The power of respecting and honoring parents and spouses.

Key Scriptures:

- "How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!" Psalm 1:1 (NASB1995)
- "If I take the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, Even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me." Psalm 139:9, 10 (NASB1995)
- "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come." John 16:12, 13 (NASB1995)
- "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me." Galatians 2:20 (NASB1995)
- "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word" Ephesians 5:25, 26 (NASB1995)
- "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth." Ephesians 6:1-3 (NASB1995)

Table Questions

These are questions based on the scripture and sermon to help you put the teaching into practice. They can be used in discipleship, Lifegroup, as a family or with whoever is around your table this summer:

1. How has your understanding of God as a Father impacted your own role as a parent or mentor?

2. In what ways can you be more intentional about investing in your children's or mentees' spiritual growth?
3. How do you balance discipline and grace in your relationships with your children or those you lead?
4. What are some practical ways you can show respect and honor to your spouse or parents this week?
5. How has your commitment to the local church influenced your family's spiritual journey?
6. In what areas of your life do you need to "die to self" to better serve your family or community?
7. How can you create opportunities for your children to see you working through conflicts in a healthy way?
8. What steps can you take to initiate or deepen relationships with spiritual fathers, sbrothers or friends?
9. How has God's forgiveness in your life influenced how you extend grace to your family members?
10. In what ways can you be more present and engaged in the lives of your children or those you mentor?