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# **Committed Father**

ILL.- Mark Twain said, "When I was a boy of 14 my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to the 21, I was astonished at how much the old man learned in 7 years."

"The World According to Dad." These are words that most dads have said at some time or another to their children.

- This is going to hurt me more than it hurts you.
- Quiet. I'm watching the ball game.
- Don't forget to check the oil.
- Bring back all the change.
- How should I know? Ask your mother.
- I'm not made out of money!

- When I was your age I walked 5 miles to and from school each day and it was uphill both ways.

- You are going and you will have fun!
- Who's paying the bills around here, anyway?
- If you break your leg don't come running to me.
- Don't put your feet on the furniture. Your mother will kill you.
- Get down before you kill yourself. On second thought, go ahead.
- Quit playing with your food.
- Be quiet! Can't you see I'm trying to think!
- Why? Because I said so!
- If you don't quit that I'm going to call your mother.
- You better get that junk picked up before your mother comes in here.
- Just wait till you have kids of your own.
- I was not asleep. I was just resting my eyes.

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- Someone said, "Dads spend the first part of a child's life urging him to talk and walk, and the rest of his childhood telling him to sit down and keep quiet."

It is good to be a man because...

You can still be friends with someone who forgot to invite you to something.

You can drop by a friend's house without bringing "a little gift."

Your guy friends will never trap you with

"So...Do you notice anything different?"

You can watch a game with a friend for hours without talking and not think that he must be mad at you.

You can go to the bathroom in public without a support group.

I love being a Dad a Pops

it is such an honor to be a Dad , what an honor God has given me, to raise his children

got to spend time with my dad yesterday

show video Im watching you dad on sermon spice

- 90% of homeless and runaway children
- · 63% of youth who commit suicide
- 80% of all rapist
- 85% of children with behavioral problems
- 71% of all high school dropouts
- 75% of all teens in chemical abuse centers
- 85% of all youth in prison
- 70% of all girls who become pregnant as teens

THEY ALL come from homes without a dad.

#### WHAT WE NEED ARE COMMITTED FATHERS

## **COMMITTED DEF.-- DEDICATION AND LOYALTY TO A CAUSE, ACTIVITY, JOB OR A PERSON: WHOLEHEARTEDLY DEDICATED**

#### **Ephesians 6:4**

<sup>4</sup>Fathers, [a] do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

## ANYONE CAN BECOME A FATHER BUT IT TAKES COMMITMENT TO BE A DAD

Commitment is the decision to hang in there when the going gets tough, to take one more step when your convinced all strength is gone.

commitment is what Charles Lindberg had when he flew the Atlantic Ocean, the first man to ever do it. Lindberg took a map and drew a line on the map called the point of no return.

## ARE YOU COMMITTED TO THE POINT OF NO RETURN

JESUS WAS COMMITTED TO US -- ALL THE WAY TO THE CROSS

today however, the attitudes of the world go against commitment. " do your own thing" Seek you own fulfillment, find your joy, if you don't love your wife anymore just leave, you deserve happiness,

## ALL OF THESE ATTITUDES ARE VIRUSES THAT DESTROY COMMITMENT

The individual who is successful, who has a sense of purpose in life, and who knows where they are going, is a person of deep commitment. Show me a failure, and I'll show you a person who lacked commitment to there spouse, job, children, to themselves and to God.

# YOU CAN'T FAIL IF YOU DON'T QUIT

#### 1 Corinthians 15:58 NIV

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

today we need to check our commitment to God , to his purpose for our lives

## WE HAVE PURPOSE MEN, ITS TO BE A GODLY EXAMPLE TO OUR CHILDREN SO THEY CAN BE A GODLY EXAMPLE TO OUR GRANDCHILDREN

## **1. UNDERSTAND THE HONOR OF BEING A DAD**

#### **2. SPEAK IN LOVE**

## IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR TROUBLE, MISTAKES, OR DISCREPANCIES, YOU WILL FIND THEM JUST AS YOU WILL FIND BEAUTY, JOY, AND LOVE

**3. BE PRESENT** 

4. LEAD BY EXAMPLE

#### **5. YOU CAN DO MORE THAN YOU THINK YOU CAN**

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So, when things get tough and it seems like all hope is gone... BE PERSISTENT and have the COURAGE and you WILL PREVAIL!!!

#### "MOST PEOPLE FAIL NOT BECAUSE OF A LACK OF DESIRE BUT BECAUSE OF A LACK OF COMMITMENT." VINCE LOMBARDI

"COMMITMENT MEANS STAYING LOYAL TO WHAT YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO DO LONG AFTER THE MOOD YOU SAID IT IN HAS LEFT YOU."