

A Father's Day Message

Psalm 78:5-8 ESV (English Standard Version)

5 He established a testimony in Jacob
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our fathers
to teach to their children,
6 that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and arise and tell them to their children,
7 so that they should set their hope in God
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments;
8 and that they should not be like their fathers,
a stubborn and rebellious generation,
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,
whose spirit was not faithful to God.

What did your father teach you?

For some people this might be easier to answer than for others, depending on what type of father you had growing up.

Fathers might not see themselves as teaching their kids many things, but as kids we learn a lot by observing and being a part of an environment.

You might have grown up in a football family or a family where you rooted for a certain team.

You might have grown up in a family where your dad worked on cars, hunted, or was obsessed with a certain hobby, and you learned from him—not always in a formal teaching time but through osmosis, observation, and immersion in that environment.

Fathers might struggle with being role models, but our children will learn from us, especially things we are passionate about.

A father is called by God to teach his children about the ways of the Lord.

In Psalm 78, the psalmist reminds us that God's truth was to be taught down through the generations "so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments; and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God" (Psalm 78:7–8). The

Bible is filled with examples of the importance of generations teaching new generations in the ways of the Word of God.

Psalm 78:8 describes the importance of God's people learning what not to do by observing and not acting like rebellious generations before them. "The present generation needs to heed the cautionary tales of the past. Rather than repeating the mistakes, they need to learn from them"

Fathers! Future Father's! Men!

We need to be the role model in our kids lives.

As a father we want the best for our kids.

Think about our heavenly Father. Do you think he doesn't want the best for us? Did he not send his only Son to save the rest of this world? As a father, how hard would that have been?

We need to step up! I'm calling all men to rise up and be the men that God wants us to be!

To our kids or future kids.

Now!

THE ROLES OF A GODLY FATHER

a) **Spiritual leadership in the home:**

A Godly father leads his family in the Fear of the Lord

Genesis 18:19 ESV

19 For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.”

b) **Provides for both physical and emotional needs:**

A father is more than a provider of money—he gives love, support, and security

Timothy 5:8 ESV

8 But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever

c) **Teaches by example:**

Children follow what they see. A righteous man's life speaks louder than his word

Proverbs 20:7 ESV

7 The righteous who walks in his integrity—
blessed are his children after him!

d) **Corrects in love and discipline:**

A father disciplines out of love, not anger

Ephesians 6:4 ESV

4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

FATHERS ARE REFLECTIONS OF GOD'S HEART

a) **God is our perfect example of a Father:**

He is compassionate, patient, and full of mercy .

Psalm 103:13 ESV

13 As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him

b) **Earthly fathers should mirror God's love:**

Their actions should reflect divine care and consistency.

c) **The father's love brings healing and security:**

Like the father in the story of the prodigal son, love
restores.

Luke 15:20-24 ESV

20 And he arose and came to his father. But while he was
still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion,

and ran and embraced him and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. 22 But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. 23 And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

d) **Fatherhood is about presence, not just provision:**

God is Emmanuel—present with us. Father's should be available too.

Fatherhood is both a calling and a gift. As we celebrate Father's Day, we must not only appreciate our earthly fathers but also embrace God's role as our perfect Father. Every father here is called to leave a Godly legacy. Every child is called to honour and appreciate their father.

Let this be a day of reflection, healing, honour, and recommitment. Whether you are a father, child, or spiritual father, may God's grace rest on you to fulfil your divine assignment.

Dedication

Bring up Yasmin

Jesus says in

Mark 10:13-16 ESV

“Let the Children Come to Me”

13 And they were bringing children to him so that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. 15 Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” 16 And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Children are a gift from God.

Psalms 127:3 ESV

3 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,
the fruit of the womb a reward

joy and responsibility that comes with raising
children in faith

Bring Up Melvin and Lorvi

What a wonderful day

Look at this beautiful girl.

Shift Focus on the Parents

It's a lot more for you than them

Because coming to dedicate them means nothing if
you don't raise them up in the ways of the lord

It just becomes a tradition to do

We believe in making
commitments as parents!

Seriously,

Proverbs 22:6 ESV

6 Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Emphasize the importance of modeling a life of faith
for your children

1 Corinthians 11:1 ESV

11 Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ

Now I shift the Focus on the Church

It is important for our church family to support Melvin
and Lorvi in their role

**Encourage the congregation to pray for the family
and to be a source of encouragement and support;
the importance of teaching and mentoring the
children as they grow in faith.**