

Notes for Fathers Day June 21st, 2026 Mission Church

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Main Scripture To Psalms 103:13 As a father pities his children, So the Lord pities those who fear Him. This means to show deep, tender love and mercy, especially when someone is weak or hurting.

(1) Ephesians 6:4

And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Provoking your children to wrath This means to avoid unfair, overly severe, or inconsistent treatment that causes bitterness, resentment, or anger in your children

Bringing them up in the admonition of the Lord essentially means to shape your child's heart and mind through encouraging council and biblical discipline and helping them to develop a personal relationship with God.

(2) Joshua 24:15

And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day

whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

This means will you take a definitive personal stand for your faith rather than just following after the crowd? It's a challenge to decide right then whether you will follow after idols of wood, stone, or metal or follow the living God.

Pillar 1 Father as a Provider

1st Timothy 5:8

(1) **“But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever**

Mathew 7:9-11

(2) Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for **bread, will** give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a **serpent?** If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, How much more will your Father who is in Heaven give good things to those who ask him?

Pillar 2 Father as a Protector

Proverbs 4:1-4

(1) Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, And give attention to know understanding; For I give you good doctrine: Do not forsake my law. When I was my fathers son, Tender and the only one in the sight of my mother, He also taught me, and said to me: “Let your heart retain my words; Keep my commands and live.

This is a father who is urging his children to learn and apply Godly wisdom. It establishes wisdom as an inheritance, emphasizing the importance of passing down moral and spiritual guidance through generations.

Hebrews 12:11

(2) **Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.**

This means that while going through hard times, discipline, or God's correction feels painful and unpleasant at the moment, **it serves a greater purpose. If you allow these challenges to teach and shape you, they will ultimately produce a life of deep peace, spiritual maturity, and right living.** It is a reminder that temporary struggle leads to long term growth.

Pillar 3 Father as a Pastor

Ephesians 6:4

(1) **And you fathers do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them in the training and admonition of the Lord. Explained page 1 above.**

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk to them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. “What this means is (a) “shall be in your heart.” God’s commandments should not just be memorized rules, but deeply felt, personal convictions that guide your desires and motives. (b)” Teach them diligently” (verse 7): This requires intentional, repetitive commitment. The Hebrew root word implies sharpening a tool, meaning you shape your children’s character through constant, careful instruction, You make faith a constant living conversation rather than a formal lecture.

In Conclusion

Joshua 24:15

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(1) Explained in Page 1 above

Psalms 68:5

A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His Holy habitation.

This means that God's character as a compassionate protector of the vulnerable. (1) He is the Father of the Fatherless: God acts as an adoptive loving parent to orphans and those without earthly protection, providing the security and guidance they lack. (2) Defender of Widows: Widows in ancient biblical times, were among the most marginalized groups...or almost invisible or of no importance. They often lacked legal and financial rights. God steps in as their advocate, judge, and provider. (3) His Holy Habitation: Even though God is transcendent and holy, ruling from Heaven, He is intimately involved with the marginalized, His holiness is not defined by aloofness, but by His perfect justice and mercy toward the helpless.

Hebrews 13:5

(2) Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

(1)The Commands: Reject Greed and Practice Contentment

(a) Without covetousness": You are told to avoid the constant desire for more money or material possessions. It warns that greed traps your heart.

(b) “Be content”: You should find peace and satisfaction in your present circumstances and what you already own, rather than tying your happiness to wealth.

(2) The Foundation: God's Eternal Presence

(a) “I will never leave you nor forsake you”: Your ultimate security does not come from bank accounts or possessions, but from God's absolute commitment to you. The original Greek text uses a strong triple negative here, essentially emphasizing “I will Never, No Never, ever Leave you.” (b) The Main Takeaway: True contentment comes from trusting in God's constant presence and provision, which frees you from the endless cycle of chasing material wealth.

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A father's responsibilities encompass providing emotional, financial, moral, and physical support while guiding and nurturing children to grow into responsible, confident, and ethical individuals.

Key Responsibilities

- 1. Be a Role Model:** Fathers influence their children's behavior, values, and attitudes by setting a positive example in everyday life. Demonstrating respect, patience, and integrity helps children develop strong moral compasses and social skills.
- 2. Provide Financial Support:** Ensuring the family's financial stability is a core responsibility. This includes meeting basic needs such as food, clothing, education, and healthcare, while also teaching children the value of money and financial responsibility.
- 3. Offer Emotional Support:** Fathers should provide unconditional love, encouragement, and guidance. Being emotionally available helps children feel secure, valued, and confident in pursuing their goals.
- 4. Teach Discipline and Responsibility:** Fathers help children understand boundaries, self-control, and accountability. Balancing discipline with fun fosters character development and prepares children to make responsible decisions.
- 5. Protect and Provide Safety:** Fathers are responsible for the physical and emotional safety of their family. This includes creating a secure home environment and protecting children from harm.
- 6. Support Moral and Ethical Development:** Guiding children to discern right from wrong, instilling values, and encouraging ethical behavior are essential aspects of fatherhood.
- 7. Foster Education and Cognitive Growth:** Active involvement in children's learning, helping with homework, and encouraging curiosity enhances cognitive development and academic success.
- 8. Maintain a Loving Partnership:** Showing love and respect to the mother models healthy relationships and contributes to a stable family environment.
- 9. Encourage Independence and Life Skills:** Teaching children practical skills, problem-solving, and decision-making prepares them for adulthood and self-sufficiency.
- 10. Spiritual and Moral Guidance:** For families with religious beliefs, fathers may guide children in faith, values, and ethical living, fostering a sense of purpose and community.