

FATHER'S DAY – 2021
A Father's Legacy

“Are Fathers Necessary?” A paternal contribution may not be as essential as we think. – Atlanta Magazine.

“Fathers are critical to the foundation to each family. They are teachers and coaches. They are mentors and role models, examples of success. And they are the men who constantly push us toward it.” - President Barack Obama

“It is easier to become a father than to be one.” - Kent Nerburn.

(Proverbs 17:6) Children's children are the crown of old men, And the glory of children is their father.

Glory – tipara: beauty, bravery.

Legacy – benefaction (gift).

L – Leadership

(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.

E – Exercise – Exercise your faith.

“Train up a child in the way he should go - but be sure you go that way yourself.” - Charles Spurgeon

(Philippians 3:17) Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.

G – Gracious

(Ephesians 4:7) But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

(James 4:6) But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

A – Assurance – *"Confidence"* is God's ability.

(Hebrews 10:22-23) "...let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."

C – Compassion – *Grace is "character," "compassion" is character in motion!*

(Luke 15:20) "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him."

Y – Yielded

Psalm 32:8-11.

CONCLUSION: Our legacy is secure for three reasons.

(1) - Our Father is perfect!

“God is the archetypal (exemplary) Father, all other fatherhood is a more or less imperfect copy of his perfect Fatherhood.” (NIV – Dictionary N.T. Theology).

(2 Corinthians 6:18) “I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty.”

(2)- Legacy is not of us.

(Zechariah 4:6) "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the Lord of hosts.

(3) - God’s legacy sustains us!

(Psalm 106:8) Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake, That He might make His mighty power known.