

Honor Your Father

No matter how well they are able to get along with him, a family is never truly complete without a father. Many families today are one-parent families, meaning that in most cases the family consists of a mother and children rather than a father, mother and children.

This is taking its toll on America and the church. So many children do not have a male figure to be close to, and the result is that they often get misguided ideas about men. We realize, of course, that there are many children whose fathers are not proper male figures either, but that's another subject.

The fact is that God planned for a man and his woman to marry then have children. Further, He planned that both father and mother would be responsible for those children, guiding them and helping them as mature parents.

There is no substitute for a Godly father in a family no matter how mature and capable the mother is. It takes both parents working together to provide the parental guidance and help that God intends.

The father role is being played down in many circles now as though the mother is able to be both mother and father to her children, and does not need her husband except for the biological fathering of the baby. The result is that not only are many families incomplete in God's sight, but many are dysfunctional as well.

Today, on Father's Day take the opportunity to honor your father, whether he is still living or deceased. Likely, our fathers who have done their best in rearing us are much more important than we realized at the time. Let us take a moment to thank our Heavenly Father for our earthly father. Then, if your father is still living, do something thoughtful for him and wish him a happy Father's Day. If he is not living, say something kind about him to someone else just to memorialize him. Now, to each father who is reading this, we wish you the happiest Father's Day ever!

- James Haney, via *Bulletin Digest* -

- F - Always being **forgiving**.
- A - Helps protect his family with an **Armor of God**
- T - Being a **Teacher** and being an example.
- H - A **helper** in time of need or no need at all.
- E - The memory of a father is **everlasting**.
- R - A father is looked up to and also **respected**.

- Author Unknown -



A FATHER is neither an *anchor* to hold us back, nor a *sail* to take us there, but a *guiding light* whose *love* shows us the way.

Good fathers not only tell us how to live — they show us.

News & Notes

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 27 - 30, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Weirton Heights Church of Christ. Theme: "Royal Adventures", Lessons from Bible Kings. Classes for All ages. Additional information on the bulletin board.

SUMMER YOUTH BIBLE CAMP: July 11-18, Tomlinson Run State Park Group Camp. Ages 8 through high school seniors. Information fliers and registration forms on the desk in the foyer.

PANTRY: Canned corn.

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Gary & Melissa Rosoac (Covid), Becky McKitrick (Chemo treatments), Stan Williams, Mike West, Barbara DeLong, David McCoy, Russell Martin, Claudette Miller, Mark Vermillion (neighbor, brain mass surgery recovery), Cheryl Renfro Walker, Nicole Stoffer (aunt of Tamara Sprout), Lori Rowand (niece of John Sprout). **Weston, WV:** Rick Beck.

Blessings Found Only in Christianity

Paul Vaughn

It is written, "Blessed is that man who makes the Lord his trust" (Psa. 40:4). Blessed is used 303 times in the Bible. Blessed is defined as the state of "prosperity" or "happiness" (Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words). The man who trusts in the Lord is happy because he is God-approved. Trusting in God will bring true happiness and peace of mind; this is a wonderful blessing Christianity is designed to be a blessing in everyone's life.

Christianity is a blessing because it helps us overcome the fear of death. Death is a forbidden subject because no one likes to consider this powerful enemy we face daily. Death destroys families because it separates us from our loved ones. Yet, Christianity teaches us that death is not the end of life. Jesus came to teach us about everlasting life.

But has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel (2 Tim. 1:10).

That is a blessing!

Christianity is a blessing because it helps us have a complete life every day. The Lord teaches us what is truly important and the things that are not important. Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Abundantly in this verse carries the idea of plentiful, overflowing blessings provided only by the Lord. Those outside of Christianity turned their backs on Jesus and all the blessings He supplies.

The greatest blessing found only in Christianity is the removal of sins. It is written, "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Eph. 1:7). This blessing is beyond verbal description. How happy we can be because of the life and death of Jesus. Sadly, most people never realize the blessings in Christianity because they are not interested in following Jesus.

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