

FATHER

F is for Faithful. Fathers should be faithful to God first, then to their families. As a child growing up, I did not have to worry about my father and mother not being faithful to each other. They realized marriage was for life or "unto death do us part."



A is for Affection. There were a lot of worldly possessions that I did not have as a child but I did not realize it at the time. The greatest of all possessions was to experience the warmth and love of both my father and mother. The bumper sticker asks, "Have you hugged your kid today?"

T is for Time. We hear so much about time and rightly so. There is nothing equal to the fact that as a father you spend time with your children. Little Johnny or little Suzie will be grown before you know it!

H is for Heritage. What are you, as a father, leaving behind for your children? Have you worked above and beyond to give your child material things, but neglected their spiritual wellbeing? The greatest heritage a son or daughter could have would be the privilege of having a Christian father.

E is for Example. As you know, your example is powerful. My own father's example as a kind and compassionate man has influenced me greatly. Also, his example in regular church attendance instilled within me the great importance of putting the church first.

R is for Reprove. Reprove means to correct or to rebuke. So often we as parents believe that if we reprimand our children that we do not love them, but the Bible teaches right the opposite. Fathers have a great responsibility to see that their children are brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

We, as sons or daughters, are indebted to our earthly fathers. This is especially true if they are the type of fathers that God would have them to be. We should respect the wisdom of the "hoary head" and never refer to our dad as the "old man."

- Author Unknown -

(via Beacon, Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL)



A father carries pictures where his money used to be. - Steve Martin

News Notes

CARE AND SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. All ladies invited. No sewing skills needed.

CONVERT'S CLASS: Suspended for Summer break.

VBS: June 23-27, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Weirton Heights Church of Christ. Classes for all ages. Additional details on the bulletin board.

FIFTH SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION: Our entire contribution, Sunday, June 29th will be donated to the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort in Nashville, TN. Give cheerfully and generously. "...God loveth a cheerful giver." - 2 Cor. 9:7.

BIBLE CAMP: July 7-12 at Tomlinson Run State Park. Registration Packs available.

BABY SHOWER: For MaClay Toomey, Saturday, July 26th, 11:00 a.m. at our Fellowship Building. RSVP by July 12th to Docie, 304-374-4085 or Lindsay, 304-374-4423. MaClay is registered at www.babylist.com.

PANTRY: Jiffy Muffin Mix.

SICK: At Home: Sharon Williams (broken ribs), Ann Carrol (broken wrist), Matt Malcomson, Brian Haught (Skip's brother), Randy Beagle, Peggy Linger, Scharlotte Jones, Harry Huff, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, Marlene Evans, Cheryl Renfro Walker. **Serra Manor, Weirton:** Jean Haught (Skip's mother). **Fox, Chester:** Janice Hutchins, Mary Johnson. **Elsewhere:** Carolyn Carbone, 98 Orange Blossom Lane, Ranson, WV 25438. Herman McHan, 7401 Elmwood Dr., Lisbon, OH 44432.

"Full of Sap and Very Green"

The lifetime Missionary, Joe Cannon, was in his eighties and in poor health when his elders advised that he not return to the mission field. He went anyway, replying, "I can be just as weak and tired over there as I can be here." The great Canadian preacher, J. C. Bailey, after preaching for 40 years, at age 60, began mission work in India. His first five years over 20,000 were baptized. He continued to preach to India until he was 87 years old.

Moses was eighty years old when he stood before the burning bush. He would set a nation free and lead them to the promise land. "Although Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died, his eye was not dim, nor his vigor abated" (Deut. 34:7). Just because we are drawing Social Security, does not mean God is finished with us. Just the opposite. It is in our senior years that God has us trained to do some of our greatest work.

The Psalmist compared the Righteous to "a cedar in Lebanon," saying, "They will still yield fruit in old age; They shall be full of sap and very green" (Psalm 92:12, 14). It is the faithful senior citizens that lead our churches, care for the sick, travel to foreign lands to reach the lost, and are a strong influence on their grandchildren. Look to the older Christians in your congregation, how dedicated they are to the Lord, and realize there is still a lot of sap flowing through those old veins!

- Dennis Doughty

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