

Honor Father

One of the ancient duties enjoined upon mankind is to honor parents. It is old in origin but just as new in its essentiality and practicality as ever. It is an urgent need of each new generation. A person can no more outgrow this need than one can outgrow the need of basic character.

A flagrant disregard of this divine law to honor father has in it the seeds of frustration, violence and degradation. A violation of it will produce in the children a mischievous self-assertion and a bitter resentment of all authority and superiority. So one of the preventions of juvenile delinquency is to honor father and accept his headship in the family.

Disrespect, ingratitude and neglect toward father is a deadly force that destroys individual character, which in turn pulls down our whole social structure; for the family is the cornerstone of society. Affection, devotion and respect to father are cardinal virtues, and a society divested of them cannot long survive.

Now for a little confession — father is much more deserving of honor than we could appreciate when we were young. Youth has to grow up. Time is an effectual teacher. The years are wrought with strong opposition and staggering blows from a world youth thinks is easy to conquer. Sons and daughters may not learn this until father is old or dead, but there is one thing sure — they will learn.

And all the while nature is planning a sure reversal of the order. By and by, those children will grow up and have children of their own, and the drama of parents and children will be re-enacted all over again.

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An Old English Prayer

Give us, Lord, a bit o' sun,
A bit o' work and a bit o' fun.
Give us in all the struggle and sputter,
Our daily bread and a bit o' butter.
Give us health our keep to make
And a bit to spare for other's sake.
Give us, too, a bit o' song,
And a tale and a book to help us along.
Give us, Lord, a chance to be
Our goodly best, brave, wise, and free,
Till all men learn to live as brothers.
Author Unknown -

How blessed are the children
Who in their fathers see
The tender Father-love of God,
And find their way to Thee.
- Johnson -



Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father! - Lydia M. Child, 1836

News & Notes

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Until further notice: **Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.** (auditorium class only). **Masks and social distancing required.**

FAREWELL GIFT: For **Joann Webb**. If you wish to contribute, give money to **Latisha Brown TODAY. Joann's new address:** 116 Warpath Lane, Hedgeville, WV 25427

POTTERS CHILDREN'S HOME: During June, individual monetary donations can be given to one of the Elders and will be matched by the church here.

BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER: For **Michael Yost** (Peggy Williams' brother). **Michael will be 97 on July 8th;** his address is: c/o Penbleten Manor, Box 700, Franklin, WV 26807.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: For **David & Becky McKitrick** on **Saturday, July 11th, 12 Noon - 2:00 p.m.** at the Fellowship Building. The McKitrick's actual anniversary date is May 27, 1970.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: Carol Northcraft (Weirton Hts. congregation). Carol has a recurrence of cancer. Her address: 202 Miller Ave., Weirton, WV 26062.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Shirley Beagle, Emma Rine, Ernie Robinson, Randy Beagle, Alex Harless, Russell Martin, Doris Dunham, Mary Jane Bowers. **THE ORCHARDS REHAB, East Liverpool:** Tom Postlethwait (Room 4). **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore, (Room 210). **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

FATHERHOOD IN THE BIBLE

The sacred Scriptures tell us that we find in God qualities that we associate with both fathers and mothers. "For thus says the Lord ... as a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you" (Isaiah 66:12, 13). And "as a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion" (Psalm 103:13).

We also learn what He expects of us:

1. A father has compassion — "While he (the prodigal son) was yet at a distance his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him" (Luke 15:20).
2. A father disciplines gently — "ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).
3. A father nurtures his children — "What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent" (Luke 11:11, RSV).
4. A father teaches by example — "My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways" (Proverbs 23:26).
5. A father reaches out to others — "I was a father to the needy: And the cause of him that I knew not I searched out" (Job 29:16).

- Author Unknown, (via Midtown Church of Christ, Victoria, TX) -