

FATHERS

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(Proverbs 17:6).

It is a tremendous blessing to a child if his father walks in the ways of righteousness. Solomon had much to say in the book of Proverbs concerning the righteous father. Many homes would have fewer problems and more happiness if the head of the house took Solomon’s words to heart. Consider some thoughts from this great book.

1. **A Trusting Father** “In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge” (Proverbs 14:26). A father who respects the Lord more than anyone has begun to lay the foundation toward building a home that will be a place of tranquility and peace. “As the whirlwind passeth so is the wicked no more: but the righteous is an everlasting foundation” (Proverbs 10:25). The righteous father knows that there will be storms ahead, but he puts his confidence in the Lord. This father can truly tell his son, “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all they ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths” (Proverbs 3:5,6).
2. **A Teaching Father** “Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge” (Proverbs 19:27). It would be wonderful to say to a child that there is nothing in the world that can damage his soul, but such can never be said as long as one lives in this world with its immoral and wicked influences. It is the responsibility of the father to guard and to teach the child the proper way of life. A parent must put limits on the life of the child; otherwise, the child will find himself and all who love him with much misery. “The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame” (Proverbs 29:15). May every father have the courage and the love to train his child in the way he should go.
3. **A Tenderhearted Father** “My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction: for whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth” (Proverbs 3:11,12). The Father in heaven is the best model to follow when it comes to administering corrective discipline. There is no one whose heart is more tender toward his children. “Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him” (Psalm 103:13). Fathers are to make sure that the rough exterior of a firm hand is connected to a heart that is motivated by love and tenderness.

Jimmy Clark

DAD’S NINE RULES FOR LIVING

Frank Walton

1. Put God First

We exist for His glory and then to enjoy Him forever (I John 17:3).

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding” (Proverbs 9:10).

2. Follow Jesus Daily

He became as we are, in order to make us like He is (I John 2:6).

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father but through Me” (John 14:6).

3. Study the Bible Regularly

Scripture is God's one and only guidebook to eternity. (Acts 20:32).

“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalms 119:105).

4. Pray Constantly

It keeps us close to heaven's pure air for the soul (Romans 12:12).

“Let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4: 16).

5. Think Hopefully

Our life is what our thoughts make it. (Proverbs 17:22).

“Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life” (Proverbs 4: 23).

6. Improve Yourself Consistently

With God's help, you can make the best of any situation (Philippians 4:13).

“Press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14).

7. Do the Right Thing Always

Character is the sum of all our choices (Proverbs 27:19).

“The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines brighter and brighter until the full day” (Proverbs 4:18).

8. Treat Others Lovingly

God put us on earth to help lift others up to heaven (Matthew 7:12).

“Let your light shine before men in such a way tht they may see your good works, and glorify your Father Who is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

9. Be a Faithful Member of Christ's Church

Jesus is counting on you to carry on His work by exercising your talents in His one body (Ephesians 4:16).

“Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Revelation 2:10).

NEWS AND NOTES

“I was sick, and ye visited me...” (Matthew 25:36)
Remember in Prayer:

May Calendar addition:

Pray for those directly and indirectly affected by Covid-19, and please keep us updated.

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“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?” (Galatians 4:16)

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KeeNotes

Many churches are scurrying around trying to determine what they are going to do about meeting. I truly and readily admit, I rejoice to know that has not been a question for the church here. I pray fervently every day, that we may be able to lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness as we worship and work in our community. Some restrictions have hampered us, such as restrictions on visiting hospitals and nursing homes. Even home visits have become difficult. But still we have learned that by use of Facebook, phone, text messaging, etc. we can still stay in touch and help to encourage one another.

I am not the judge of others. Jesus will do that in His time. I keep hearing how things will not ever go back to normal. Maybe that is a good thing. Had we become complacent in our daily Christian lives and were we simply going through the motions? Had we lost our appreciation for worship? Will this pandemic cause some to fall by the wayside and will it cause others to become stronger in their faith? I am not a prophet, nor the son of one, but things will be changing. Schools are already discussing virtual classes and may not be having students back in classrooms. So, who knows what state and federal changes may be coming. So just how much and how far will churches of Christ be willing to go to satisfy state and federal agencies? How far do we go before states and governments are regulating when churches can meet? How they can meet? Who can meet? Will we also have governments requiring us not to preach on subjects such as abortion, homosexuality, or even sin in general? At what point will we say, we ought to obey God rather than men? So is the first day of the week assembly a requirement given by God or is it not?

When Roman soldiers could compel a Jew to carry his pack a mile Jesus said to carry it two miles (Matt. 5:41). When they tempted Jesus concerning paying taxes Jesus told them to render to Caesar the things belonging to Caesar (Matt. 22:21). And Paul said we are to pay our taxes to whom they are due (Rom. 13:7). When Peter drew a sword and cut off the right ear of Malcus, Jesus restored it. So we must respect civil government, but we cannot allow civil government to dictate what we believe, teach or practice. It has been a long time since studying these things, but was not one reason for coming to this country religious freedom and getting away from governmental control of religion? Shall we now go back to that? Surely does seem like some have no trouble allowing civil government to take the lead in religious matters and God is not being consulted.

SHEPHERDS

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DEACONS

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EVANGELIST

Terry Joe Kee

MISSIONARIES

Michael Hughes
Samrit Kammanee
Arnold Kelley
Guyana, South America
Warren, PA

SERVICES

SUNDAY

Classes 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

Hear the Word of God
Romans 10:17

Believe the Word of God
John 8:24

Repent of your sins
Luke 13:3

Confess your faith in Jesus
as the Son of God
Romans 10:9,10

Be Baptized for the
remission of your sins
Acts 2:38

Live faithfully
Revelation 2:10

“Where there is no vision,
the people perish...”
Proverbs 29:18

God Give Us 2020 Vision
in 2020

Those Privileged To Serve
June 21, 2020

NUMBERS FOR THE WEEK
Week Of
June 14, 2020

SUNDAY MORNING
Song Leader: Ben Johns
Opening Prayer: Micah Tindall
Closing Prayer: Ryan Manley
Bible Reading: Jerry Dodson
Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

SUNDAY EVENING
Song Leader: Ben Johns
Opening Prayer: Barry Roush
Closing Prayer: Mitch Mosley
Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

LORD’S TABLE
Presiding: Stacy Eddleman
Jeff Presley Steve Stoker
Donnie Gilliland Jimmy Powell
Jacob Eddleman Samuel Light
ANNOUNCEMENTS
Dan Nichols

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
June 24, 2020
Song Leader: Randy Oden
Opening Prayer: Jason Garland
Closing Prayer: Carroll Morris
DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER
June 24, 2020
Terry Joe Kee

Sunday Bible Study 90
Sunday AM Worship 118
Sunday PM Worship 89
Wednesday Bible Study
Contribution \$

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