



FATHER'S DAY 2022

1 Thess. 2:7-12

*"BEING A DAD"*

1 Cor. 4:1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

### steward (n.)

A person who manages another's property or financial affairs; one who administers anything as the agent of another or others.

<https://www.dictionary.com/browse/steward>

Psa. 127:3 Lo, **children are an heritage of the LORD:** *and the fruit of the womb is his reward.*

Welcome to *Father's Day 2022*. The emphasis today will be upon what the Bible says about "Being a Dad."



❖ A stereotypical dad is predictable:

## Dad Will Never Say

### Top Ten Things You'll Never Hear a Dad Say

10. Well, how 'bout that?... I'm lost! Looks like we'll have to stop and ask for directions.

9. You know Pumpkin, now that you're thirteen, you'll be ready for unchaperoned car dates. Won't that be fun?

8. I noticed that all your friends have a certain "up yours" attitude ... I like that.

7. Here's a credit card and the keys to my new car --  
GO CRAZY.

6. What do you mean you wanna play football?  
Figure skating not good enough for you, son?

5. Your Mother and I are going away for the weekend  
... you might want to consider throwing a party.

4. Well, I don't know what's wrong with your car.  
Probably one of those doo-hickey thingies -- you  
know -- that makes it run or something. Just have it  
towed to a mechanic and pay whatever he asks.

3. No son of mine is going to live under this roof without an earring -- now quit your belly-aching, and let's go to the mall.

2. Whaddya wanna go and get a job for? I make plenty of money for you to spend.

1. Father's Day? aahh -- don't worry about that -- it's no big deal.

<https://tonycooke.org/holiday-resources/fathers-day/>

# The History of Father's Day in the United States

There are two stories of when the first Father's Day was celebrated. According to some accounts, the first Father's Day was celebrated in Washington state on June 19, 1910. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd came up with the idea of honoring and celebrating her father while listening to a Mother's Day sermon at church in 1909. She felt as though mothers were getting all the acclaim while fathers were equally deserving of a day of praise.

The other story of the first Father's Day in America happened all the way on the other side of the country in Fairmont, West Virginia on July 5, 1908. Grace Golden Clayton suggested to the minister of the local Methodist church that they hold services to celebrate fathers after a deadly mine explosion killed 361 men.

While Father's Day was celebrated locally in several communities across the country, unofficial support to make the celebration a national holiday began almost immediately. William Jennings Bryant was one of its staunchest proponents. In 1924, President Calvin "Silent Cal" Coolidge recommended that Father's Day become a national holiday. But no official action was taken.

In 1966, Lyndon B. Johnson, through an executive order, designated the third Sunday in June as the official day to celebrate Father's Day. However, it wasn't until 1972, during the Nixon administration, that Father's Day was officially recognized as a national holiday.

<https://www.artofmanliness.com/articles/a-brief-history-of-fathers-day/>



❖ The Bible has much to say about honoring fathers (and mothers:)

Ex. 20:12 **Honour thy father and thy mother**: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Deut. 5:16 **Honour thy father and thy mother**, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Mt. 15:4 For God commanded, saying, **Honour thy father and mother**: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.

Mt. 19:19 **Honour thy father and thy mother**: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Mark 7:10 For Moses said, **Honour thy father and thy mother**; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death:

Mark 10:19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, **Honour thy father and mother**. (Luke 18:20)

Eph. 6:2 **Honour thy father and mother**; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

## Definition of father (*noun*)

1. a male parent.
2. a father-in-law, stepfather, or adoptive father.
3. any male ancestor, especially the founder of a family or line; progenitor.
4. to beget; be the father of:
5. to be the creator, founder, or author of; originate.

## *verb (used without object)*

to perform the tasks or duties of a male parent; act paternally:

<https://www.dictionary.com/browse/father>

## Definition of dad (*noun*)

1. a person's father or one's father.
2. a person who is corny or embarrassing in the way that a father figure might be: <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/dad>

❖ This morning, our emphasis is upon “Being a Dad” (but is not for fathers only.)

## I. THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FATHERHOOD

### A. The Reality of the Role

“Being a father means that you simply caused a woman to become pregnant. A dad, on the other hand, steps up and takes full responsibility for his role.”

1 Tim. 5:8 But **if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.**

- ❖ Men have too often been ignorant of the role of a dad.
- ❖ How does a man learn to be a dad?
- ❖ Children learn about fatherhood and being a dad within God's institution → a home.

Deut. 6:1 Now these *are* the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which **the LORD your God commanded to teach you**, that ye might do *them* in the land whither ye go to possess it:

2 That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, **thou, and thy son, and thy son's son**, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and **observe to do it**; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD:

5 And **thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.**

6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7 And **thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children**, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

## B. The Relationship Reinforced

❖ A father is to be continually teaching his children.

*"The father who does not teach his son his duties is equally guilty with the son who neglects them." – Confucius*

[https://www.wisefamousquotes.com/confucius-quotes/the-father-who-does-not-teach-his-son-](https://www.wisefamousquotes.com/confucius-quotes/the-father-who-does-not-teach-his-son-352860/#:~:text=Confucius%20Quotes%3A%20The%20father%20who%20does%20not%20teach,guilty%20with%20the%20son%20who%20neglects%20them.%20%28Confucius%29)

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Prov. 1:8 My son, **hear the instruction of thy father**, and forsake not the law of thy mother:



❖ As a dad fulfills his responsibility to teach, his children are obligated to obey:

Prov. 13:1 **A wise son heareth his father's instruction:**  
but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

❖ A dad is responsible for implementing godly discipline.

Prov. 3:12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even  
**as a father the son in whom he delighteth.**

## II. THE ABILITY FOR FATHERHOOD

“There is no manual when the baby is born.”

## A. The Training

Prov. 22:6 **Train up a child in the way he should go:** and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

## B. The Textbook

Deut. 6:6 And **these words**, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7 And **thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children**, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

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and on thy gates.

- ❖ Dads do not know all the answers to life's challenges and must be yielded to God, seeking His guidance in the present, realizing the ramifications for the future.

### III. THE AFFECTION FROM FATHERHOOD

- ❖ How does a child learn how to express affection?

#### A. Personality Differences

According to author Gary Chapman, there are five love languages. Our "love language" describes how we receive love from others. They are:

Words of Affirmation

Acts of Service

Receiving Gifts

Quality Time

Physical Touch

[https://www.christianbook.com/the-five-love-languages-audiobook-on/gary-chapman/9781589269064/pd/269063?kw=1241348712202415&mt=b&dv=c&event=PPCSRC&p=1215904&msclkid=080c82849298161b9760e029485c3755&utm\\_source=bing&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=Dynamic%20Search%20Ads&utm\\_term=%2Fpd%2F&utm\\_content=DSA%20detail%20pages#CBD-PD-Description](https://www.christianbook.com/the-five-love-languages-audiobook-on/gary-chapman/9781589269064/pd/269063?kw=1241348712202415&mt=b&dv=c&event=PPCSRC&p=1215904&msclkid=080c82849298161b9760e029485c3755&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Dynamic%20Search%20Ads&utm_term=%2Fpd%2F&utm_content=DSA%20detail%20pages#CBD-PD-Description)

Each of us differs in the ways that we receive love. By learning to give love in the ways that our partner can best receive it, and by asking our partner to give us love in the ways that we can receive it, we can create stronger relationships.

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/intl/blog/click-here-happiness/202009/what-are-the-5-love-languages-definition-and-examples>

❖ Failure to work on developing a stronger relationship will lead to a stagnant one.

## B. Passions Demonstrated

Eph. 6:4 And, **ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.**

Col. 3:21 **Fathers, provoke not your children *to anger*, lest they be discouraged.**

❖ Expression of love can be a complicated simplicity between people, especially between dads and their children.

Words of Affirmation - Saying supportive things

Acts of Service - Doing helpful things

Receiving Gifts - Giving gifts that tell them you were thinking about them

Quality Time - Spending meaningful time

Physical Touch - Being close to and caressed

## IV. THE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR FATHERHOOD

❖ Each person will someday give an account to God which will include accountability for being a parent.

### A. The Confronting Occasion – Judgment Seat

Rom. 14:12 **So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.**

2 Cor. 5:10 For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**; that every one may receive the things *done in his body*, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

## B. The Crowning Opportunity – Being a Dad

- ❖ To be a father is an opportunity to affect the future – for good or for bad.

Psa. 127:3 Lo, **children are an heritage of the LORD:** *and the fruit of the womb is his reward.*



## Summary

- ❖ Opportunities are to be grasped and implemented for the glory of God.
- ❖ The privilege of fatherhood and being a dad is an opportunity from God to affect generations to come.
- ❖ Wasted days are lost opportunities which may or may not be seen again.
- ❖ A life lived is the undeniable proof of a person's true character and convictions.
- ❖ Past mistakes cannot be removed, but determination in the present to be a better dad may make a difference for all of eternity.

## God's Masterpiece

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He Called it... DAD

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