

We are nearing the annual celebration of Father's Day!

FATHERS: Some honoring thoughts...

Research consistently shows that fathers have influence and pass on their spiritual, moral, ethical, and philosophical convictions. The degree to which dads model faith in their lives and at home including active involvement in personal and communal religious practices is one of the strongest predictors of whether children will adopt those beliefs into adulthood.

Children are highly observant of a father's everyday behaviors, attitudes, practices and values.

Fatherhood is a profound journey of transformation. It is not about perfection, but about the ordinary man who is turned by love into a hero, role model, and guide to his children.

The true legacy of a good man lies in the daily, often unseen, commitment to his family.

Wisdom on Fatherhood:

- **Character:** "Fathering is not something perfect men do, but something that perfects the man." (Frank Pittman)

- **Example:** "Every father should remember one day his son or daughter will follow his example, not his advice." (Charles F. Kettering)

- **Legacy:** "Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, story-tellers, and singers of song." (Pam Brown)

- **Presence:** "The difference between a 'man' and a 'father' is that the former shares his genes, but the latter gives his life." (Craig D. Lounsbrough)

Fathers provide a silent but powerful map for how to navigate the world, handle adversity, and treat others with respect. Fatherhood is a verb. It is defined not by what a man says, but by his active involvement, consistency, and love in the home.

According to God, what is a father? The Bible tells us that God is our Father. **God is a good, perfect, loving Father.** Human fathers will fail us, but we have a Father/Parent in Heaven who loves us with a perfect, unconditional, everlasting love.

We honor our Heavenly Father and our Dads in a special way this weekend!

Sincerely,

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