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A Father's Response

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There was a Family-life specialist *Delmer W. Holbrook* and his wife who traveled lecturing and conducting surveys across America. They surveyed hundreds of children; the *Holbrooks* came up with the three things fathers say most in responding to their kids: "I'm too tired" took first place. "We don't have enough money" was second. "Keep quiet" was third (Christianity Today, Aug. 27, 1976.)

Did you notice that all three are very negative and in essence are saying no? It is highly important that children understand that their best interest is primary to their parents. It is from this awareness that children establish their self-worth and sense of well-being. It has been my conviction that when children peer through tainted windows, the entire world becomes tainted. The responses that we give to our children make statements as to their quality and worth as viewed by us. When the impression is left that their views do not count and that their wishes are irrelevant, they carry feelings of inadequacy into their adulthood. Solomon said, "*As a man thinks in his heart, so is he*" (Prov. 23:7). The result is referred to in the world of psychology as, "self-fulfilling prophecy." If a person has strong thoughts about their inabilities or weaknesses due to constant reminders or from being ignored, they will "live down to" those standards. If parents express support, show interest, and give attention, they will conclude that they are an ok person and "live up to" what you believe or feel about them. Your feelings as parents are projected into the child's mind and they view themselves in light of your assessment. The message is sometimes conveyed, whether positive or negative, by words, by time and attention, by praise and approval.

Fathers are warned about not provoking their children to the point of anger, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Eph. 6:4). Much discussion has been given through the years as to what is more important, *nurture* or *nature*. Which is the most important factor weighing upon the outcome of a child? Is it the environment in which they were raised or the way they have been treated and trained. No doubt, children can overcome their environment if they are supplied a sufficient amount of love and support in believing in themselves enough to become all they can be.

Fathers in the Bible

- Who was the father of David?
 - Saul
 - Samuel
 - Jesse
 - Jonathan
- Whose name means “father of a great multitude”?
 - Abraham
 - Isaac
 - Jacob
 - Joseph
- Who stole her father’s household gods?
 - Leah
 - Rachel
 - Naomi
 - Ruth
- Who was the father of Abraham?
 - Terah
 - Methuselah
 - Laban
 - Haran
- Whose father was prepared to sacrifice on the alter?
 - Moses
 - Joshua
 - Isaac
 - Samson
- Which father came to Jesus to seek help for his daughter who lay at the point of death?
 - Jairus
 - Simeon
 - Lazarus
 - Cornelius
- Who was the father of James the disciple?
 - Timothy
 - Paul
 - Zebedee
 - Joseph
- Who was Paul writing to when He wrote “*I will receive you and will be a Father unto you and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty*”?
 - Colossians
 - Corinthians
 - Thessalonians
 - Romans
- Which of the following was used of God to mean father?
 - Rabbi
 - Elohim
 - Eheyeh
 - Abba
- Who does James say is the source of every good and perfect gift?
 - Father of Lights
 - Father of Mercies
 - Father of Glory
 - Father of Spirits
- Under the Mosaic law, what was the punishment for someone who hit their father?
 - Imprisonment
 - Exile
 - Death
 - Flogging
- Who was the father of Saul?
 - Benjamin
 - Samuel
 - Kish
 - Elihu
- Who was to be named Zacharies, after the name of his father, until his mother intervened?
 - Zechariah
 - Jesus
 - John
 - Peter



YOUTH NEWS

- Verse to read “Mark 16:15” - Try to reach out to someone this week who has never heard the gospel message.
- Really enjoyed going to the Pontotoc Area-Wide Devotional this past Sunday, and I had a blast at the movies with the “Marvelous Monday” gang!
- Upcoming Events: ~ 7th and up will be having a devo this Sunday night, the 19th, at my apartment. This will be from 7-9pm. ~ Monday, June 20, “Marvelous Monday” (6th and under) will meet at the church at 10:30am to write cards.

Andy

PRAYER LIST

Pat Reed, will have a heart catheterization today (Tuesday) in Tupelo.

David Ashmore, is at home following surgery on his leg.

Travis Jamieson, father of *Cathy Dorris*, remains in the Tupelo hospital in serious condition following a stroke.

Al Pless, a friend of the Frohns, has been diagnosed with brain cancer. His prognosis is not good.

Lessie Bryant, is no longer able to stay by herself. Please remember her and her family.



Continual Prayer

Billy Joe Bray, Ailene Cain, Donna Haynes, Glenda Cox, Linda Martin, Shelly Trout, Willie Jackson, David Harendt, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Lessie Bryant, Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Corrine Hall, Anna Davis, Mattie Golden & Pauline Smith

Military List:

David Wilhite, Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Ham, Raegan Cole

“I’VE LEARNED”

...That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a kid did wonders for me as an adult.



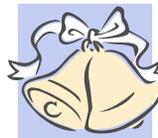
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- June 16.....Lucille Gibson
- June 16.....Joanna Moffitt
- June 18.....Madison Griggs
- June 20.....Cindy Ashmore
- June 22.....Luke Jennings
- June 23.....Andrea Clayton
- June 24.....Erica Crotts
- June 24.....Sharon Clemmer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- June 16.....Richard & Kathy Jennings
- June 20.....Dean & Viva Dillard
- June 30.....Phil & Paige Young

CONGRATULATIONS



We want to offer congratulations and best wishes to *Jennie Brown* and *Rex Bell* who were united in marriage Sunday afternoon, June 12th. Their address is 1511 Allison Circle, New Albany.

WELCOME BACK

We are happy to have *Martin & Erica Crotts* back with us again. They spent this past year in the Jackson area while *Martin* was in Pharmacy School. Their new address is 105 Glade Ave., New Albany.

We are also happy to have *Bill & Nancy Frohn* back worshipping with us. They are planning to move to New Albany in the near future.

AREA EVENTS

- The West Ripley Church of Christ invites you to their Gospel Meeting, June 19-22 at 7:30 each evening. There will be a different speaker each evening. Check the bulletin board for details.

OUR RECORD

Sunday School	135
Sunday A M	155
Sunday P.M	86
Wednesday	115
Contribution	\$3,667.87
Budget	\$3,455.70

TO SERVE

Scripture	Phillip Young
A.M. Prayer	Andy Clemmer
Closing Prayer....	Jason Jennings
P.M. Prayer.....	Dan Cobb
Closing	Bill Lyon
Wed 6/15.....	Jerry Gibson
Wed. 6/15	Lonnie Weaver
Usher & Lock....	Andy Clemmer
Greeter.....	T & N Robertson



PANTRY ITEM:

Tomato sauce

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School	9:30
Morning Worship	10:30
Evening Worship	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00

ELDERS

Richard Jennings	534-6671
Troy Robertson	534-3491

DEACONS

Bill Botts	316-2422
Greg Clayton.....	252-9762
Roger Clayton.....	534-5240
Andy Clemmer	816-5887
Harold Russell	534-4648
Randy Wall	316-9255
Lonnie Weaver.....	801-8448

MINISTER

Mike King	507-0625
Home.....	534-6872
Office	534-4649

WHAT IS A FATHER?

When you are small, a father is two huge hands. These help you cross the street. These hands put worms on hooks better than any other hands in the world.

A father is a man who sits at the head of the table. He gets two lamb chops...you get one. He is nice to be near when there's thunder and lightning...or trouble.

A father understands when you think you're too old to be kissed goodnight. He is the one who teaches you how to tie your tie, who buys your first razor, who gives you permission to take the car...and who comforts your mother when you're not home on time. Sometimes he helps you fail algebra, too!

A father spends most of his life reaching in his pocket for money to give someone something.

His favorite words are, "Now when I was your age..."

A father is the person you want to be like when you grow up. You can sometimes ignore him, but how can you ever forget him?



I'LL BE LIKE YOU

To get his goodnight kiss he stood

Beside my chair one night
And raised an eager face to me,
A face with love alight.
And as I gathered in my arms
The son God gave to me,
I thanked the lad for being good,
And hoped he'd always be.

His little arms crept 'round my neck,
And then I heard him say
Four simple words I shan't forget,
Four words that made me pray;
They turned a mirror on my soul,
On secrets no one knew.
They startled me, I hear them yet:
He said, I'll be like you"

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