



Fathers are to be honored today & everyday. (Eph 6 :1-2) It's a God-designed structure!



Blessings of A Father's Shared Faith

Deut 6:6 These commandments that I give you

today are to be upon your <u>hearts</u>.

v7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home & when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.



JUST cuz you live it—doesn't guarantee that your children get it. You've got to share it. Instill it.—Be involved in their *life*. Make it fun. Make it real.



A FATHER'S INFLUENCE WILL IMPACT A CHILD FOR LIFE.

- 25 million children (36.3%) live without their fathers.
- 40% of these kids haven't seen their dads in at least 1 yr
- 70% of teen pregnancies are from fatherless homes.
- 75% of kids in drug abuse centers from fatherless homes.
- 85% of youths in prison are from fatherless homes.

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Does this require that <u>your kids</u> will be bad if you're a single parent? No — Somebody has to be the <u>GOOD</u> 20-30%!!!

Blessings of A Father's Discipline



Responsibility and opportunity

Universal Heb 12:7, 9

Essential 1 Tim 3:4

Dad's job Eph 6:4

Effective Prov 22:15

Varied Prov 29:15

Compassionate Ps 103:13

Dad's are team coaches. Not tyrants. Not belittling. Not a pushover. But a great coach! There's a game to win, and attitude, skills to develop & it takes time.

Blessings of a Father's Example

1 Ki 22:51-53 Ahaziah son of Ahab
... walked in the way of his father
and mother & served Baal

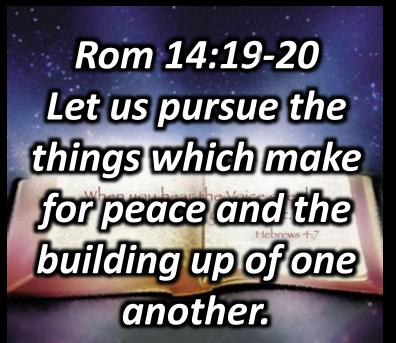
2 Ki 15:34 Jotham, son of
Uzziah and he did what was
right in the sight of the lord, according to all father

2 Ki 21:19-22 Amon did evil in the sight of the Lord as Manasseh his father had done. He walked in the way his father had walked and served idols...

2 Ki 21:24 <u>Josiah</u>, the son of <u>Amon...</u> 22:2 He did right in the sight of the Lord and walked in all the way of his father <u>David</u>, nor did he turn aside.

Blessings of a Father's Encouragement

1 Thess 2:11 You know how we were *exhorting* & *encouraging* & imploring each one of you as a *father* would his own children.









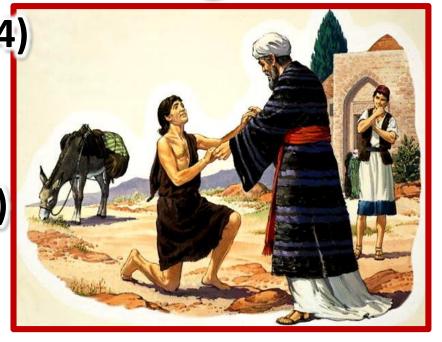
Blessings of a Father's Forgiveness

Poor Decisions (Lk 15:13-14)

Abandoned (Lk 15:16)

Reconsidered (Lk 15:17-18)

Took action (Lk 15:20a)



Father's acceptance (Lk 15:20b) While still a long way off... ran to him, embraced, kissed repeatedly, honored, threw a party.

God treats us this way, let's treat our children and one another this way too.

Blessings of a Father's Provision

1 Tim 5:8 If anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his own household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an is worse than an unbeliever.







There's food, clothing, shelter, safety. But also dads provides protection, education, confidence, maturity, work-ethic, & role-models for life.



