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A Father's Work

For the man with children, it does not matter what profession one may choose, there is no greater work than that which is done as a father. When it comes to the problems which ail our society a lengthy list could be produced. However, I would suggest to you that one of the greatest problems our society is facing is the absence of the godly father in the home, and I am not just talking about the homes where the father has left. A father does not have to leave the home to leave the home. Many homes have broken down merely because the fathers of our society have abdicated their roles as the leader of the family. As a tragic result, many of our children and our society are suffering as a result.

Consider the following statistics regarding children in homes where the father is absent, in spirit or in presence. Children without fathers are at an increased risk for antisocial behaviors—such as fighting, lying, cheating and criminal behavior. They are at an increased risk for depression and suicide. They are nearly twice as likely to engage in the use of tobacco products, illegal drugs and alcohol; and twice as likely to engage in pre-marital sex. Let us never underestimate the powerful influence that fathers have in the lives of their children and thus in our world as a whole. It has been said that, "Children love their mothers, but they follow their fathers." If this is true, as father we must ask; where are we leading our children?

In Eph.6:4 the Apostle Paul examines the work of the father in both negative (what they shouldn't do) and positive terms (what they should do). If we as fathers are going to lead our children anywhere worth going we need to understand what Paul says our work as a father is. To fathers Paul writes, "and you father, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." *Continued on page 2*

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Let us first consider the work of the father from the negative perspective. "Fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath." Provoke to wrath—is a term which means to make angry and when fathers provoke their children they are causing them to become discouraged, frustrated, and eventually to lose heart. Fathers can do this through unrealistic expectations, preferential treatment of siblings, the use of excessive disciple or simply neglect. Regardless of how one might cause his own children to lose heart, Paul says don't do it. This does not mean that children will agree with every decision a father makes but it does call for careful attention to how one is dealing with his children and the affect it is having on them.

From the positive perspective Paul says that fathers are to "bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." "In the training" refers to a holistic child education and includes the discipline needed to carry it out. As I said, excessive discipline can provoke a child to wrath but this does not mean that loving discipline done to instruct children in righteousness is not needed. "And admonition of the Lord" refers to instruction or warning, the qualifying phrase of which is "in the Lord." Thus, we as fathers are supposed to impart spiritual instruction to our children. While the mothers must help in all of this, the primary responsibility lay with the father.

So on this Father's Day I encourage each of our fathers here to answer an important question; Where are You Leading Your Children? *Brian Mitchell*

Family Caring for Family.

Stephen Guy - Keep them in your prayers for successful job search and travel. **Becky Blake** update 6/13/2018 - I received a call from my Doctor late today. The area of concern in my lung has gotten a little smaller. I'm to be scheduled to see a Pulmonary specialist within the week. At this point, it is believed to be some type of fungal infection. I will keep you updated. Please continue to keep me in your prayers. **ToddThayers' Grandmother**, Olive Sue Wise, fell early Sunday morning and wasn't found until later in the day (she did not have on her Life Alert). She broke a vertebrate in her neck and is now paralyzed from the neck down. She is unable to swallow and is on a high level of oxygen. She has made the decision to not be kept alive by artificial means and will be moved to Hospice Care at Northwest Georgia Hospital tomorrow. Please keep our family in your prayers at this time

Dad's Nine Rules of Living

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). *Frank Walton*

THOSE TO SERVE

Coordinator BobTrefethenCurtWilliamson
Ushers: Keith Hollis/Kerry Lashlee
Sound System: Paul Puckett

Sunday Morning

Announcements Mike Howard
Lead Singing: Will King
Scripture: Willie Washington
1st Prayer: Doug Williamson

Communion

Curt Williamson Ron Kochik
Chris Lloyd Matthew Conley
George Smith Bud Porter
Darrell Puckett Nathan Smith
Sermon Paul Puckett

Closing Prayer: Neal Smith

Sunday Evening

Announcements: Mike Howard
Ushers: Bob Trefethen / Daniel Jones
Scripture: Gary Smith
Lead Singing: George Smith
1st Prayer: Gary McDaniel
Sermon: Ron Kochik
Lord's Supper: John Demas
Closing Prayer: Thomas Brewer
Sound System: Stephen Guy
LORD'S Supper Preparation 06/17 Judy Robinson 06/24 Katherine Trefethen 07/01 Connie Howe

Wednesday Bible Study

Ushers: Doug Williamson/Bob Trefethen
Announcements: Mike Howard
Lead Singing: Daniel Jones
Opening Prayer: Matthew Conley
Invitation: Todd Thayer
Closing Prayer: Bud Porter
Sound System: Thomas Brewer

CAREGROUPS

Care Group 3 meets after Sunday evening services…….

Records You Helped Make

For the Week of

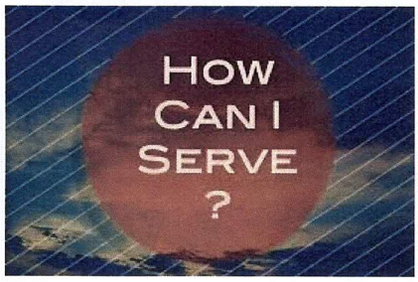
June 10th

Attendance

Sunday Worship 129

Sunday Bible Class 92

Sunday Evening 95

Wednesday 86

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