

Upcoming Events...
Galatians Class: Every Thursday at 1:00 p.m.
Barnabas Group Meeting: June 26

Quotations about Fathers

"I talk and talk and talk, and I haven't taught people in 50 years what my father taught by example in one week." - Mario Cuomo-

"Train up a child in the way which he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

"A man never stands as tall as when he kneels to help a child."
- Knights of Pythagoras -

June Birthdays

9 Debbie Pescador 12 Celina Perales

June Anniversaries

5 Kurt & Debbie Hoffman 9 Sue Tanner
11 Marcos & Celina Perales

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The Origin of Father's Day

By David Bragg

In 1911 Anna Jarvis achieved her dream of a national day honoring Mothers. But decades would pass before fathers would be so honored. The state of Washington was the first to have a Father's Day, thanks to Sonora Dodd whose own father, Civil War veteran and widower William Jackson Smart, reared six children as a single-parent (history.com). While Dodd pushed for June 5, 1910, her father's birthday, she was content when Gov. M. E. Hay designated July 19, 1910 as the first Father's Day (history.com).

This spawned national efforts to establish a Father's Day with advocates like William Jennings Bryan and presidents Wilson, Coolidge and Lyndon Johnson. However, an all-male Congress was hesitant, fearing that if they passed such a resolution it would appear to be self-serving. So Father's Day had no official, national observations until 1971 when President Richard Nixon appointed the third Sunday of each June as Father's Day. On that day, at the age of 90, Sonora Smart Dodd along with the entire nation observed the very first national day honoring dads.

While having annual days to honor mothers and fathers is nice, it is of far greater importance for children to honor their parents on a daily basis (Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:2). And it was on the shoulders of parents that God would place the even greater obligation to live lives worthy of honor before their children. Godly parents will daily teach their children by word and example to love and obey God.

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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The Value of Dad

By Jeff Arnette

In our modern society, the value of a dad in the home has, to a large degree, been lost. The reason our society and our families are in such disarray, is because dads are absent in the home. Some dads, being unwilling to be responsible or afraid of settling down, have completely walked out on their children. Some dads, being so consumed with the pursuit of wealth, have allowed work to keep them out of the home and their children's life. And some dads, are so absent and disconnected from their children that he does not and could not really teach them about faith, Jesus, or the Father. Not only is the blessing of having a child something to be honored, something to be treasured, the value of dad in the home to lead his family cannot be compared (Psalms 127:3; Exodus 20:12).

Throughout the scriptures, God has emphasized the importance and value of dad. Not only are we told to honor dad (Exodus 20:12) but rebellion or mistreatment of dad was worthy of the death penalty (Exodus 21:15; Leviticus 20:9; Deuteronomy 22:18-21). I used to read these passages as a young man and wonder why God could call for such strict punishment for those who disobeyed dad. My conclusion was that God wanted us to value him that much. Dad was so valuable to the home and society that God protected him with the death penalty. He was responsible for teaching his children about God and helping them to fulfill the law to enter into a covenant relationship (Leviticus 12:3; Deuteronomy 11:19). So valuable and precious is dad that God used that relationship to describe his own value to us (Psalms 103:13).

In the New Testament, the imagery is just as strong. God is the father of who believe and love (Matthew 6:5-8; 10:29-31). One of the greatest parables of Jesus, the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32), was mostly about the love and forgiveness of God as seen in our dads. This parable helps us understand ourselves, and just as importantly, it helps us understand our great God.

It seems that God understands something that has been all but lost in our modern, enlightened, society. In our wisdom and advancement, we have replaced dad with gifts, with possessions that could never be as important as dad. We have lost sight of just how important his role really is to our children, our homes, and our churches. As one writer said, "the father was truly the linchpin of the family and society."

Isn't it time we get back to God's standard and value for dad? Isn't it time that we encourage dads to step up and be the man God knows he can be? Until we do, we will never truly be successful. Disobedience to God always equals failure and the role and value of dad is no exception.

A Father's Example

(from Housetoohouse.com)

Now that I'm the father of two boys, Father's Day means a lot more to me than it used to. I always appreciated my dad; now I just marvel at how he did it without killing me along the way.

Someone has said, "A father is a person who is forced to endure childbirth without anesthetic." I like Paul Harvey's observation: "Fathers give daughters away to other men who aren't nearly good enough, so they can have grandchildren who are smarter than anybody else's."

One of my favorites is the story of the little boy whose father had sent him to Sunday School but did not go himself. One day the boy approached his father and said, "Dad, did you go to Sunday School when you were a boy?" "Yes, Son, I always went to Sunday School." "Well, Dad, I think I'll quit going. It isn't doing me any good either."

Thanks, Dad, for sending me to Sunday School...and for going with me, too.

"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord"

Ephesians 6:4