

Business Meeting: next Sunday, June 28 at 4:30 p.m.

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 20 Mike Bruni
12 Celina Perales 23 Agripina Carrillo

June Anniversaries

5 Kurt & Debbie Hoffman 11 Marcos & Celina Perales

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 Importance of a Father

Excerpts from article by Russell Carnley

America is the only nation in the modern world that pays a special honor to fathers. In 1972 President Richard Nixon signed a Congressional resolution establishing permanently the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. It is good that we have a special day to celebrate the role which our fathers played in our lives. Some have expressed the opinion that "Father-hood is easy; anyone can be a father." Well if fatherhood is so easy why then is the failure rate so high?! Yes, almost anyone can father a child, but to be the proper role model, teacher, provider, and counselor to a child is a far different matter. And, sadly, many fall far short of God's expectation in this regard. Fathers must realize their importance in the lives of their children if they are to accomplish the great task that God has set before them. Let us take a moment to notice the importance of a father.

As An Example: A father is important first and foremost as an example to his children. The life that is lived before a child is of the highest value in that child's development. Father's who lie, use vulgar language, drink, smoke, and gamble should have no trouble raising children who act the same way, or worse! A child looks up to his father as a role model. Therefore we ought to be very careful what our children see us doing. We also must be sure that they know what we are doing even when we think that we're not being watched. Consider some examples from the Old Testament. As we read the history of the divided kingdom of Israel let us notice the behavior of Abijam the son of king Rehoboam: *"And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him; his heart was not loyal to the Lord his God..."* (I Kings 15:3). Statements like this are frequent in the books of Kings and Chronicles. The example of a father led to the demise of a nation. We need to be very careful of the life that we live before our children.

“Hast Thou Considered My Servant, Job?”

By Roger D. Campbell, Cleveland, Tennessee

Those are words that Jehovah spoke to Satan (Job 1:8). God went on to tell him that Job was unique, complete, upright, feared God, and was one who shunned evil. That is quite a commendation from the One who knows every single thing there is to know about a person.

Most Bible students are quite familiar with the tragic circumstances that beset Job and his family. Job’s steadfastness and patience have been renowned worldwide throughout the ages. But here are three important things about Job as a father, and these things are seen before his children and livestock were taken from him.

As a father, Job showed his children that his first devotion was to God Almighty, not material things. Possessing thousands of head of livestock helped make Job *“the greatest of all the men of the east”* (Job 1:3). Yet, as we noted above, the Lord God still referred to Job as *“my servant”* (Job 1:8). Job did not allow his stuff to crowd out, hinder, or diminish his devotion to the God of heaven.

Dads, what do our children see as our number one commitment: stuff, or God? Believe me, they can tell what is number one without us saying a word!

As a father, Job recognized that his children made mistakes. Job offered burnt offerings on behalf of his grown children, saying, *“It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts”* (Job 1:5). There are some fathers who never seem to have anything good to say about their children, and they seldom, if ever, give them any support and positive exhortation. On the other hand, some dads are blind. They are convinced that their “little Mary” and “Billy, Jr.” could never do anything wrong, ever. They would never be deceptive, never be selfish, and never be disrespectful. There are many great children in the world, but no one is perfect. Dads need to accept the truth that all sin (Romans 3:23). Job admitted that about his own children.

As a father, Job showed his concern for the spiritual welfare of his children. It was on their behalf that he rose up early and offered

burnt offerings to God. Don’t you know that it makes a child, regardless of whether he is five or fifty, swell up with delight to hear and see that his daddy is doing something for his spiritual benefit!

Dads, there is more to being a dad than putting food on the table and showing a child how to hit, throw, or kick a ball. The number one task of fathers is to bring up their children in the Lord’s nurture and admonition (Ephesians 6:4).

We will always remember Job’s endurance. But let’s not forget what the Bible also shows us about him as a father before disaster struck his life.

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