

Quotations about Fathers

"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

Read through the Bible in 2016!

(Submitted by Mike McKnight)

Suggested chapters to read so that we might read through the entire Bible during 2016! This week's "schedule":

- Day 165 - 2 Chronicles 6-7; Psalm 136 Monday
- Day 166 - Psalm 134, 146-150 Tuesday
- Day 167 - 1 Kings 9; 2 Chronicles 8 Wednesday
- Day 168 - Proverbs 25-26 Thursday
- Day 169 - Proverbs 27-29 Friday
- Day 170 - Ecclesiastes 1-6 Saturday
- Day 171 - Ecclesiastes 7-12 Sunday

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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Father's Day...

A Father's Day Hug

By Mike Riley

On this Father's Day, 2016, I no longer have my dad around to call, send a card to, or just simply hug, as he passed away from this life a few years ago.

But for those readers who still have their dad around, my encouragement to you this Father's Day, is to call and let him know how much you love him. If you live close to him, go by and give him a big old bear hug, letting him know how much you care.

Folks, life is a very fragile and transient thing — we don't know if this day will be our last day on earth or even our last second on earth.

Therefore, let's take advantage of every opportunity that we have to tell our dads, "thank you for being my dad."

I can assure you, that both you and your dad will receive a blessing from God by doing so (Proverbs 23:22-25; cf. Proverbs 10:1; Proverbs 15:20).

"Tanks!"

Excerpts from article by Eddie Jones

My youngest child turned 21 recently. Now he's old enough to drink, vote, go to war, buy tobacco products, rent an apartment, open a bank account, and serve on a jury. He's an adult, but he's still my baby, so we celebrated his birthday by bowling a few frames. Amidst the falling pens and growl of gutter balls I reflected upon his early years and the wisdom of his "childlike" innocence. Here is one of his favorite sayings... "Tanks!"

"Tanks" is perhaps my favorite. At that young age he appeared so excited and appreciative of everything, especially time spent with him. My boy still says thanks, but not with the same enthusiasm. Now our assistance is met with indifference, as if we're obligated to help. And I suppose we are, for we're his parents. But it would be nice to see a little more gratitude.

Giving "Tanks!" doesn't rate high in the socially-networked world where everyone is texting... oftentimes to the person sitting next to them. Too many of us are so "connected" we've become disengaged from the world around us. Perhaps that's why I treasure a simple "thank you" card. As an acquisition's editor, I receive dozens of cards after a writer's conference, most from grateful writers expressing their appreciation for my willingness to help them with their book projects. For me, each card represents the currency of life: time. For time is what is required to make a difference in someone's life. Time to listen. Time to hug. Time to look into the eyes of another and see the pain of their soul. Time and touch... something that cannot be transported electronically but only delivered in person.

As I've grown older I find I seldom enthusiastically say thanks to God for all He's done for me. The best I can muster is a hasty "thank you" scrawled in my prayer journal. But I wish I were more vocal, more animated, more "tankful" for His blessings. I should be, you know. We all should. He made His Son the cornerstone of our salvation, laying a foundation that will never crumble. As a father of two strong boys, I can't imagine the pain of His sacrifice. I'm grateful He's God and I'm not. I'm thankful He's allowed me these years of joy and pain with my son. And I'm humbled He would take time to meet with me each day to hear my hopes and fears and love me, selfish sinner that I am.

So today let me say: "Tanks, Lord. My boy is special. But Yours is even more so!"

Fathers Day Quote

- 4 years:** My Daddy can do anything!
- 7 years:** My Dad knows a lot...a whole lot.
- 8 years:** My father does not know quite everything.
- 12 years:** Oh well, naturally Father does not know that either.
- 14 years:** Oh, Father? He is hopelessly old-fashioned.
- 21 years:** Oh, that man-he is out of date!
- 25 years:** He knows a little bit about it, but not much.
- 30 years:** I must find out what Dad thinks about it.
- 35 years:** Before we decide, we will get Dad's idea first.
- 50 years:** What would Dad have thought about that?
- 60 years:** My Dad knew literally everything!
- 65 years:** I wish I could talk it over with Dad once more.

An Old Soldier's Prayer

By General Douglas A. MacArthur

"Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

"Build me a son whose wishes will not take the place of deeds; a son who will know Thee...and that to know himself is the foundation stone of knowledge.

"Build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high, a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men; one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

"And after all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humor, so that he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom and the meekness of true strength.

"Then I, his father, will dare to whisper, "I have not lived in vain'."