

# What Are Dads?

**Text:** *Ephesians 6:1-7*

## **Introduction:**

1. From our text.
  - A. We Are To Do Everything As To The Lord. **v. 7**
  - B. Fathers Have Such An Awesome Responsibility.
2. Old Saying, “*What you want your child to be, he becomes what you plan, show and teach*”
3. The Bible Tells Us What Dads Are To Be.

## **I. Dad's Are To Be Loved**

- A. “*Honor*” = Respect and Love. (*Ephesians 6:2*)
  - i. That is, love, reverence, obey, assist, in all things.
- B. Obedience in all things (*Ephesians 6:1; Colossians 3:20*)
  - i. ‘*Children*’ also need to realize that the obligation to honor one’s parents never ceases. (*Matthew 15:3-6*)
  - ii. In harmony with the will of God. (*Ephesians 6:1*)
  - iii. Subject to limitations as set forth in *Acts 5:29*.
- C. {**Name Calling**} “*It was the first day of school and the teacher asked one of the little girls what her father’s name was, “daddy” replied the girl brightly. ‘no, no’ said the teacher, ‘I mean his name, what does your mother call him?’ ...she don’t call him muffin, retorted the child, she likes him*”
- D. Dad’s Are to Be Loved by Their Wives:
  - i. Older women to teach younger women to love their husbands. (*Titus 2:3-4*)
  - ii. Love covers a multitude of sins (*1 Peter 4:8*)
  - iii. Written To The Church, But Applies In Any Relationships!

## **II. Dad's Are To Discipline:**

- A. This Is Of Course Not for Dad’s Alone! Mom Must Also.
- B. Children are to be corrected. (*Hebrews 12:7-10*)
- C. {**That’s Why**} “A little boy came up the stairs crying. ‘what’s the matter, honey?’ his mother asked. ‘I was in the basement watching daddy fix the furnace, and he dropped a big lump of coal on his toe’...’ why son, that is no reason to cry,’ you should laugh instead.’ ‘I did mom’, sobbed the little boy, that is why daddy spanked me.”
- D. *Ephesians. 6:4* “bring them up...”
  - i. Correcting his children... (*Proverbs 13:24*)
  - ii. Train them up in the way of the Lord... (*Proverbs 22:6*)

## **III. Dad's Are To Be Examples:**

- A. Is it indicative of a faithful Christian...?
  - i. Showing the world what it means to be a Christian?
  - ii. Showing babes in Christ what maturity means as a

disciple?

iii. Showing your children what it means to be a Christian

1. Do you put Christ first in all things?
  2. Remember dads are examples to their children – the old saying ‘*like father – like son*’ holds true.
  3. What you do or do not do reflects what you as a dad thinks about Christ.
- B. Not to provoke the children.. (*Ephesians 6:4*)
- C. {**Chip off the old block**} “*A little boy was making quite a mess at the table eating, when his father scolded him and said, ‘son’ you eat like a pig’ not realizing his little boy had never seen a pig, he said, you do know what a pig is don’t you?’ ‘yes” the boy replied, it’s a hog’s little boy.*”
- D. By good works glorifying God... (*1 Peter. 2:12*)
- E. Be an example in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

#### IV. Dad's Are To Be Respected

- A. Respect, politeness, courtesy, gratitude, please and thank you, etc...are inherently found in the following commandments: *Ephesians 6:2* 'Honor your father and mother'..; *Leviticus 19:32* 'You shall rise up before the hoary head (grayheaded), and HONOR the aged'; *Proverbs 16:31* The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.
- B. A good name better than a precious ointment. (*Ecclesiastes 7:1*)
- i. A persons character; a godly mind and life; not mere reputation with man, but what a man is in the eyes of God, with whom the name and reality are one thing.
- C. {**Top That**} “*Two little boys were arguing about their dad’s greatness. ‘Mine’s greater than yours’ said, the first boy.’ ‘No, he isn’t’ insisted the second, ‘every hear of the Rocky Mountains? My dad built them.’ Said the first, ‘That’s nothing, replied the other, ‘ever hear of the dead sea? My dad killed it”*”
- D. In discipline respect is gained. (*Hebrews. 12:9*)

#### CONCLUSION:

1. Letter honoring dad by a child: {**One neat dad**} “*He takes time for me, he listens to me, he plays with me, he invites me to go places with him, he lets me help him, he treats my mother well, he lets me say what I think, he is nice to my friends, he only punishes me when I deserve it, he is not afraid to admit when he is wrong”*”
  - a. This Was a Letter Sent By a Child HONORING Their Dad.
  - b. What Would Our Children Write About Us?
2. What Are Dad’s To Be? ....