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SERMON TITLE

Dad's Day

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KEY SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 4:1

SYNOPSIS

Dads have influence and thrive on respect.

HIGHLIGHTS

Men's huddle at close.



☞ Dads Day

Dad Jokes

- Why do dogs float in water? Because they are good buoys.
- I recently went to the “World’s Tiniest Wind Turbine” exhibit. Honestly, not a big fan.
- I spent a lot of time, money, and effort childproofing my house, but the kids still get in.
- Why was the pig covered in ink? Because it lived in a pen.
- My wife is really mad that I have no sense of direction. I packed up my stuff and right.
- I had a date last night. It was perfect. Tomorrow, I’ll try a grape.
- I can guess what people do for a living just by looking at their hands. I mean, I’m usually wrong, but I can guess.
- I know a bunch of good jokes about umbrellas, but they usually go over people’s heads.
- Why do you never see elephants hiding in trees? Because they’re so good at it.
- What do you call a dog that can do magic? A Labracabrador.

☞ The word, “**father**” is mentioned over **1,600 times in Scripture**. More than praise, prayer, and worship combined. The concept of fatherhood must be pretty important to God. Being a Christian Father is one of the highest callings any man can ever achieve in his life.

1. ☞ Dad has Influence

-- Readers’ Digest ... Dad: He’s a mess-maker, ruler-breaker, risk-taker. In general, he’s the opposite of Mom, the master nurturer, creator of law and order. But for all his mischief, Dad is doing something quite right. The same daddy-like interactions that sometimes annoy moms will significantly contribute to children’s social skills and success in school. Moms and Dads are indeed different... but their distinctive styles of caretaking complement each other perfectly to the advantage of children.

In the Bible, the father is called the **head of his household**, and in 1 Timothy 3:12, he is urged to manage his children and his household in a respectable manner. In God’s eyes, Dad has an important role of influence in the home. According to 1 Thessalonians 1:12, he is an encourager and comforter who inspires holiness. In Proverbs 13:24, Dad is careful to discipline his kids.

--Brad Froese... A dad has to discipline because he wants the best for his children. Children raised in the discipline of a strong and loving father have greater discipline as adults, and disciplined adults make greater contributors to society.

Kids need to see a godly portrait in their fathers...

☞ **63% of youth suicides** are from fatherless homes

70% of teen pregnancies are from fatherless homes

☞ **80% of rapists** are from fatherless homes

85% of children exhibiting behavior disorders are from fatherless homes



☞ **85% of youths in prison** are from fatherless homes

Dad has influence.

Leadership Magazine reported a study affirming the importance of both parents attending church. If only mom attends regularly 15% of the children remain faithful in attendance at church when they become adults. If only dad attends regularly, 55% remain faithful. If neither attends regularly, it drops to only 6%. But if both mom and dad attend church regularly, it rises all the way to 72% of their children remaining faithful in attendance at church when they become adults.

Dads actually do have influence whether it is obvious or not. And, Dads, we need to use our influence positively. And... there is no greater influence than the legacy a father leaves concerning eternal salvation.

☞ **Ephesians 6:4**

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, **bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.**

“A boy loves his mother, but he will follow his father.”

Dad has influence.

2. ☞ **Dad needs Honor and Respect**

One time a little boy was asked to define Father’s Day and he said, “It’s just like Mother’s Day, only you don’t spend as much on the present.”

Honor = regard highly; treat with courtesy. The Hebrew word used for honor means literally, “To make heavy.” In other words, don’t take your dad lightly. Give him the respect he deserves. I know men have their flaws, but if you have a dad in your family who is trying to be a positive influence, you are way ahead of many others with no father-figure at all. So, honor him.

Ephesians 5:33

...the wife must respect her husband.

Respect = to have profound reverence; to be in awe of

-- James Howell... *Respect a man, he will do the more.*

☞ I say, **“There’s nothing that motivates a man like his own cheering section.”**

☞ Men **need to feel significant.** Some jokingly comment about men: “you get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness.” It goes to a man’s greatest need; the need to feel important. Just as certain as most wives need to hear loving words from their husbands, husbands need to hear



encouraging, respectful words from their wives. In Proverbs, it talks about how the seductress steals a married man... she does it with flattering words. She strokes his ego.

Nagging and criticizing will only discourage men. What they really need is positive reinforcement. And this is not just about a fragile ego that needs constant bolstering. Though it may be true that men tend to have fragile egos; they really do deserve respect as well. Think about a Dad's responsibilities and obligations... Biblically, he's the Head of the home, Principle provider, and Primary protector; He is responsible for Godly instruction and training; He's typically the final disciplinarian, and ultimately, he is God's representative to his kids. God is our father, so it's natural to draw comparisons with our earthly dad.

Phillips, Craig and Dean...

*Lord, I want to be just like You; 'Cause he wants to be just like me
Want to be a holy example; For his innocent eyes to see
Help me be a living Bible, Lord; That my little boy can read
I want to be just like You; 'Cause he wants to be like me*

These are significant charges that a father must carry. And he needs to be respected and honored for his contributions.

🔔 **Proverbs 4:1**

Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; **pay attention** and gain understanding.

Like Foghorn Leghorn... "I say, boy, pay attention, boy."

Dad needs honor and respect.

I'm thankful for a Dad who... Provided even when it was difficult; Was involved in church; Loved my mom; Spanked me when I was defiant; Tickled me & wrestled with me; Prayed often on Saturday mornings; Made me go to church & youth group; Apologized when he was wrong; Advised me when I wasn't sure; Followed God's call; Urged me to "broaden my shoulders" when things were unfair; Still advises me today when I need help; Asks me for advice when he needs help; Honored his parents; Taught me to think for myself; Interested me in studying Scriptures; Told me he loved me; Was/is a Godly man.

Dad needs honor and respect.

Erma Bombeck wrote about fathers:

"When the Lord was creating fathers he started with a tall frame. An angel standing nearby said, 'What kind of father is that? If you're going to make children so close to the ground, why have you put fathers up so high? He won't be able to shoot marbles without kneeling. He won't be able to tuck a child into bed without bending. He won't even be able to kiss a child without stooping.' God smiled & said, 'Yes, but if I make him child size, who will the children have to look up to?'

"And when God made the father's hands, they were large.... The angel shook his head &



said, 'I don't think you want to make hands like that. Large hands are clumsy. They can't manage diaper pins, small buttons, rubber bands on pony tails, or even remove splinters caused by baseball bats.'

"God smiled again & said, 'I know, but they're large enough to hold everything a small boy empties from his pockets at the end of the day – yet small enough to cup a child's face in his hands.'

"Then God molded long, slim legs & broad shoulders. The angel nearly had a heart attack. 'Boy, this is the end of the week, all right!' he said. 'How's he going to pull a child close to him without the kid falling between his legs?'

"God smiled & said, 'A mother needs a lap but a father needs strong shoulders to pull a sled, balance a boy on a bicycle, or hold a sleepy head on the way home from the circus.'

"God was in the middle of creating two of the largest feet anyone had ever seen when the angel could not be contained any longer. 'That's not fair,' he said. 'Do you honestly think that those large boats are going to get out of bed early in the morning when the baby cries? Or walk through a small birthday party without crushing at least 3 of the guests?'

"Again God smiled, & He said, 'They'll work. You'll see. They'll scare off mice at a summer cabin, or leave footprints that will be a challenge to follow.'

"God worked throughout the night, giving the father few words, but a firm voice & eyes that saw everything. Finally, almost as an afterthought, he added tears. Then He turned to the angel & said, 'Now are you satisfied that he can love as much as a mother?' And the angel was silent!"

☞ Dad has Influence

Dad needs Honor and Respect

Men's Huddle

Men, the church needs you. The world needs godly men. You already have influence. You are already leaders. Lead toward God! Set a godly example of following Christ. Dads need honor and respect, so be honorable and respectable. Make it easy for your wife and kids to give you the respect you want. You are significant! Happy Father's Day.