

## ***Fathers (Ephesians 6:1-4)***

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### **Introduction**

1. I believe the building of men is the greatest work of any generation. This truth parallels with the role of fathers. What daddies are now will determine the future. The greatest physical honor men have is to wear the name daddy.
2. God is our loving Father and this is a wonderful privilege! And we need to remember that one of God's greatest gifts are our children.
3. In this lesson let us point to two obligations or responsibilities of fathers...

### **I. Fathers Must Give Their Children Roots**

- a. Fathers Are To Conduct Worship
  - i. The husband is the head of the house and the father has the responsibility of the child. Our problems in society come from absent fathers. We need more men who fear God and love their family.
  - ii. Fathers are first to conduct worship. How are we doing dads? Job prayed for his kids and we need to do the same!
  - iii. Isaiah 38:19 tells dads to teach their children about the faithfulness of God. Do our kids learn from us that God is good?
- b. Fathers Are To Teach The Bible (Deuteronomy 6:4-8)
  - i. Jesus quoted Moses in Matthew 22 giving us the number one command. Moses was not giving us a bunch of facts to share with our children. Moses was teaching us fathers to give God to our children.
  - ii. A Jewish boy had to pass a 600-question exam at age 11. How many of us could do 60 let alone 600? Our children need to be taught so they can learn to be accountable.
- c. Fathers Must Teach Their Children To Work
  - i. As parents our biggest mistake comes from doing for our kids what they should be doing themselves. Teaching them to work will give them their own two feet to stand on so they can have their own convictions, conscience, and integrity.

### **II. Fathers Must Give Their Children Wings**

- a. Let Them Fly
  - i. Remember that mates come before children. Kids are not private property, robots, clones, or slaves. They are reared to be released.
  - ii. Eventually our children become accountable to God. God does not coerce or bully and neither should parents. The best way to save children is to save ourselves! Do you think God in Luke 15 was to blame for the Prodigal? We can't control what our kids do we can only teach, lead, and do what God would do.