



Rockwood Church of Christ

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FATHER'S DAY

By Stan Mitchell

It was the peppery Erma Bombeck who once said of her father, "I never knew what to do with the daddy doll, so I had him say, 'I'm going off to work now'; and I put him under the bed."

One of the most precious things a father can give his child is a solid work ethic. It is vital that a child see his father work hard, honestly, and to take pride in what he does. There is nothing sadder than a child whose father is a deadbeat, a bum, or even worse, dishonest.

A child learns responsibility and integrity from such a role model.

But sometimes dads take this too far. They become consumed with their work, and become unavailable to their children, and studies have shown that it is vital for both sons and daughters to develop this relationship with their fathers. A boy learns how to be a man from his father. This goes far beyond the realm of learning how to throw curve balls and attach a lure to a line...it has to do with the son's view of ethics and integrity, and especially his view of the spiritual.

A girl learns about femininity by using her father as a guideline for what is opposite. If her relationship with her father is distant or strained, the studies say, her marital relationship later in life will be impaired and dysfunctional. It's hard to bond with a moving target.

The Bible speaks frequently and eloquently about the need for fathers to pass their godly life on to their children.

"I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things, things from of old – what we have heard and know, what our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from our children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power and wonders He has done" (Psalms 78:2-4).

Someone has observed that in state penitentiaries prisoners frequently request "Happy Mother's Day" cards. They almost never ask for "Happy Father's Day" cards. I wonder why that would be?

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ARE WE BRINGING OUR CHILDREN

UP OR DOWN?

RULES FOR BRINGING UP A CHILD:

1. Make home the brightest and most attractive place we can.
2. Make him responsible for helping in some daily duties at home.
3. Never punish in anger nor to relieve our own feelings, but only in love and for disobedience.
4. Do not ridicule his ideas; talk frankly on matters in which he is interested.
5. Encourage him to invite friends to our home and table.
6. Impress on his mind the fact that service and honesty are more important than making money.
7. Live Christ before him so you will be able to talk of Christ to him.
8. Let him see your enjoyment and profit from Bible reading and prayer.
9. Set an example in faithful church attendance and interest in the work.
10. Be much in prayer for his salvation and spiritual growth.

RULES FOR BRINGING DOWN A CHILD:

1. Let him have plenty of money to spend as he likes.
2. Permit him to choose his companions without restraint or guidance.
3. Let him spend Sunday on the street or with companions with low ideals as to the Lord's Day.
4. Allow him to go out at night as he pleases and return when he gets ready.
5. Make no inquiry as to where and with whom he spends his leisure time.
6. Teach him to expect pay for all help at home and for all service to others.
7. Allow him to think that good manners are a good substitute for good morals.
8. Do not trouble to interest him in the Bible or to win him to Christ.
9. Let him see that you think church attendance is not important.
10. Never let him hear you pray, especially for his salvation.

“Bring them UP in the nurture and admonition of the Lord”

Ephesians 6:4

Allen Webster