

June 2019

F-A-T-H-E-R: The Six Attributes of a Godly Father

By: Father Ken Anthony

If there's anything in shortage today it is real fathers that take responsibility for their actions and take care of the financial, spiritual, emotional well being of their homes. Real fathers serve God; real fathers are men of action; real fathers prepare their children for adulthood; real fathers take responsibility, and real fathers are reliable. Today I'm going to talk about six attributes of good and godly fathers using the acronym F-A-T-H-E-R.

The "F" in father stands for Faithful – Good Fathers are Faithful

Good fathers are faithful people. They are first faithful to God and trust God with their whole heart, soul, and mind. Good fathers believe in God's promises, that God will preserve their families, and that our good Lord will provide their families everything needed for salvation.

Good fathers accept their role as the spiritual head of the household and set the tone for family worship. Good fathers know God's word; they have an active prayer life, attend church regularly with their families, and obey God's commandments.

The Bible lifts up the examples of several faithful fathers: St. Joseph – Jesus' earthly father was faithful because he trusted the angel when he learned that his fiancé, the Virgin Mary was going to give birth to Jesus. He also faithfully moved his family to Egypt when the angel warned him in a dream. Abraham faithfully believed in God's promise that his wife Sarah would bear a son at over ninety years of age and he would be the father of a great nation.

The "A" in father stands for Action – Good Fathers are People of Action

Most dads like to watch their sports on television; some have a few hobbies, and engage in some "down time" to relax. Despite occasional laziness, good fathers are men of action, especially when their families need them. Good fathers just don't sit there, they spring into action when: The toilets overflow, the garbage disposal breaks, or when something important around the house that needs fixing. Good dads know how to get things done; they solve problems, and always rise to the occasion.



Good fathers also instill a good work ethic in their children and teach by example. Children need to see hard-working fathers and good fathers challenge their children to learn through activity. Good fathers watch over their children and give them the space they need to try new things learn from the mistakes they make. Good fathers are active and engaged parents.

The “T” in father stands for Teacher – Good Fathers are Teachers

Good fathers are teachers and prepare their children to enter adulthood and face the tough world around them. This means that fathers give their children survival skills that will help transform them into successful adults. Unfortunately, most children do not listen to the advice of their fathers. In order to be good teachers, fathers must be credible and earn their children’s trust and love.

Ephesians 6:4 states: “Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” Here St. Paul is cautioning fathers not to criticize their children, but instead focus on teaching them with the same love and understanding that our Lord used when teaching the disciples.

The “H” in father stands for Hope – Good Fathers offer Hope to their Families

Good fathers are a source of hope and inspiration for their families. Dads are the family’s pillar of strength and they are the ones that tell us that things will be alright when tough times are around the corner. Even though dads complain, good fathers are optimistic and resilient because they trust God.

Good fathers also trust their children and constantly encourage them to pursue their passions, fulfill their dreams, and plan for their future. Clare Boothe Luce once said, “Where there is no faith in the future, there is no power in the present.” In contrast, good fathers are as the Father found in the Parable of the Prodigal Son; good fathers are forever hopeful and inspire their families to push beyond themselves.

The “E” in father stands for Example – Good Fathers are a positive Example

Good impressions are important and good fathers are positive role models to their families. Children tend to imitate and adopt their parent’s behaviors; therefore, fathers must be good husbands, live moral lives, and treat all people with respect and dignity.

As the home’s spiritual leader, good fathers take an active part in their children’s spiritual development. While mothers spend more time with the children in a traditional home, the importance of the father’s role cannot be underestimated and St. Paul’s advice to the Corinthian Church holds true in I Corinthians 11:1.”Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.” The most important example that father can make to his children is to love others.

Finally, the “R” in father stands for Reliable – Good Fathers are Reliable

Good fathers are reliable, responsible, and consistent. They work hard to “bring home the bacon” and provide for their family’s needs. Good fathers are also helpful in times of crisis.

Sadly, many men today are not consistent in their fatherly duties and neglect to see the importance of their role as a father themselves. Fathers need to be reinstated to the level of importance that God intended for them! American morality and spiritual integrity is at an all time low because of the declining value placed on the role of the father in today’s society.

Children need attentive and reliable fathers to be their role models. Newspaper columnist Abigail Van Buren wrote, “If you want your children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders.” Responsibility isn’t a curse, it’s a blessing. Booker T. Washington said, “Few things help an individual more than to place responsibility upon him and to let him know that you trust him.”

Yet, in order for children to grow up into responsible adults they need a stable and reliable role models. Good fathers are consistent in how they meet life’s challenges. Irresponsible people run away from problems, unreliable fathers make excuses for their inconsistent conduct, and never lead a life of integrity. Good fathers are of proven character, they are faithful to their calling, and are reliable to those that need them.

A father’s influence is paramount to a child’s development into a happy, well-adjusted, productive adult. Fatherhood is not motherhood; however, it is an active rather than passive activity. Good fathers are involved in their children’s lives looks out for their best interests. Dads have to make hard choices and realize that popular decisions are not always the best decisions.

Good fathers are able discern and develop their children’s hearts, souls and minds.

We are still in need of a Dining Room Coordinator and a Kitchen Coordinator for our Ham, Turkey, Oyster Supper in November. We ask that you consider this opportunity to take on a leadership role in our church during our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please pray and ask for guidance to see if you are being called by the Lord to take on one of these roles. If you are interested in further information or if you have any questions or concerns, please see Sam Arnold or Karen Whitmer.



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THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT ALWAYS
PICK UP THE CHECK ON FATHER'S DAY

Dear Ol' Dad Funnies

Mike: I made a bad mistake today and gave my dad some soap flakes instead of corn flakes for breakfast.

Jan: Was he mad?

Mike: Yup. He was foaming at the mouth!

FORGETFUL DAD - My wife is so negative. I remembered the car seat, the stroller, AND the diaper bag. Yet all she can talk about is how I forgot the baby.

Dad: Son, if you keep pulling my hair, you will have to get off my shoulders.

Son: But, Dad, I'm just trying to get my gum back!

Lectionary Readings for June

June 2

Acts 16: 16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22: 12-14
John 17: 20-26

June 9

Acts 2: 1-21
Psalm 104: 24,35
Romans 8: 14-17
John 14: 8-17, 25-27

June 16

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5: 1-5
John 16: 12-15

June 23

1 Kings 19: 1-15
Psalm 42
Galatians 3: 23-29
Luke 8: 26-39

June 30

2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5: 1, 13-25
Luke 9: 51-62



Vacation Bible School 2019

June
23rd-28th

6:00pm-8:00pm

All Ages Are Welcome!

The theme for this year's Bible School is "Life is Wild, but God is Good!" During Bible School, we will learn about Moses and how God used him. We will also meet some kids who live in Africa and learn about what life is like for them.

Bible School is a wonderful chance for us to share God's Love with our community and minister to the children who live near us. We would love for everyone in our congregation to participate. Bible School is your chance to be a part of a life-changing experience for the children we will serve!

The R.E.A.L. Approach To Learning:
Relational, Experiential, Applicable, Learner-based

We Invite Everyone To Participate:
In Prayers, Donations of Items, Monetary Donations, Attendance

Items That We Need To Borrow And Will Be Returned To The Owner:

40 Dominoes, 20 Ping Pong Balls, 2 Wading Pools, Gold Fabric, 9' Length Rope, 10 Pool Noodles, 4 Clean Plastic Shoe Boxes, 6 Desktop Tape Dispensers, 2 Beach Balls, 20 Smooth Rocks, Plastic Greenery, 3 Clear - 16 oz Glasses, Large Bag of River Rocks, 2 Broom Sticks

Items That We Need Donated: 1 Box Quart Ziploc Bags, 1 Box Gallon Ziploc Bags, 12 Post-It Notes Packs, Fine Tip Permanent Markers, 2 Large Colorful Plastic Bowls, 15 - 3 oz. Cups, 30 Straight Straws, 50 Flexible Straws, Wet Wipes, Roll of Masking Tape, 20 Empty Clean 16oz Water Bottles, Permanent Markers, 60 Dixie Cups

There will be a complete list of needed items at the church. Please see Martha Fretwell if you can help in anyway; and if you have any questions about donating and loaning items.

STAY IN THE KNOW

The following are the minutes from the **MAY 23, 2019** meeting of the Church Council. They are available for you to help the entire church congregation Stay In The Know about what and how this group are caring for the people and the church building of New Hope UMC - in the past, the present *and into the future!*

Present: Sam Arnold, Cindy Deavers, Wanda Harding, Debbie Arnold, JoEtta Walker, Susan Coffman, Cindy Sheets, Kevin Armstrong, Dallas VanLear, Karen Whitmer, Darryl Deavers and Teresa Barr.

The meeting was called to order by Sam Arnold, Chairperson. Karen Whitmer shared some meditative thoughts to open the meeting. The minutes from the April meeting were accepted as distributed.

Finance Committee: *(Kevin Armstrong)*

- ~ With 35% of the year complete - We have 34% of the budget - The shortfall is due to a Sunday that we missed in February.
- ~ To date, we have raised \$4,022 of our HVAC (*Heating and AC Project*) goal. We are still \$5,000 short on our goal of raising half (\$9,000) of the money that we owe.
- ~ The finance committee will be looking into possibly trying to get a loan through the UMW Foundation. They issue low-interest capital improvement loans.

Treasurer: *(Please see the new finance report that can be found in the Narthex or please see Cindy Deavers.)*

- ~ We have paid the Piano Doctor to fix the baby grand piano in the Sanctuary. The cost was \$1,525 to fix the strings, pedals and tune the piano (including adding a microphone to the inside of the piano). The bill was paid by an anonymous donor that went through the general fund.
- ~ As far as the line of credit for the HVAC goes - we made a payment of \$2,014 (all from donations) and we still owe \$15,196. Next month we will make another \$2,000 payment.
- ~ We were given a \$100 undesignated gift donation in memory of Isabelle Willberger. There was discussion about what to do with this money. Kevin made a motion and Karen seconded it to put this money towards the HVAC project. It was passed and approved by all.
- ~ A donation of \$2,500 was mailed to the Weekly Religious Education
- ~ The Southern States oil company removed oil from our tank and we received a credit of \$1,077 from them. It was suggested that we should try to get a monetary refund from the company.

Trustees: *(Teresa Barr and Darryl Deavers)*

- ~ Darrell Deavers has been working with Rob Riner to remove and lift the heating ducts to allow the roofers to replace the church roof. Because of this, it was discovered that we have severe damage to our heating exchanges; including large holes, cracks, burn damage, and the like. The Trustees and Darrel Deavers are looking into finding a contractor that will repair the heat exchanges for half the estimated retail price of \$1,600.
- ~ It was reported that the roofers raised the gas-line up and accidentally broke it. They have since repaired their damage.

~ We also have insulation, tiling and wood falling down around the skylight area in our church's stairwell. This issue is in the process of being repaired.

~ Darrell has been putting the duct work back, as the roofers complete their work. It was noted that we are thankful and blessed to have people within our church family who can do this type of work and who can oversee this type of work. Having these people in our church family, saves us time, money and gives us peace of mind that people are overseeing this work who are invested in our church and who really care about the workmanship - for the future of our church.

~ The Trustees continue to move forward with revamping the church's library. The new electrical outlets have been installed there.

~ It was reported that the new minister will use the office in the parsonage as his personal office.

~ The Trustees are preparing for the transfer of ministers; they are going to do some light painting in a few rooms, they will have to replace some knobs in the house and do some maintenance and repairs on the front porch of the parsonage.

~ Some of Pastor Shin and Hailey's furniture has been purchased by the church (taken out of the moving budget) and will be kept in the parsonage for the new minister and his wife to utilize.

Worship Committee: *(Susan Coffman)*

Summary of May:

~ We had a successful Animation for the children on Sunday, May 5th.

~ An Acolyte Class was held on Sunday afternoon, May 5th. It was taught by Susan Coffman, with 2 students, Karleigh Howdyshell and Bianca Brensinger. The two new acolytes were introduced to the congregation on Sunday, May 19th.

~ We had a successful Mother's Day Service, on May 12th, with the men, giving all the ladies a carnation. The children assisted in this service.

~ A brief history of our church was presented on Heritage Sunday, May 19th; with 3 children assisting. Given on loan from Owen Harner is Geogrgge Peter's ledger, which contains the handwritten contract for building the church in 1850. George Peters is Owen's great-great-grandfather. This will be placed with the other historical items in the piece of furniture presently in the Narthex. If at anytime, the History Room is closed, the family asks that the ledger be returned to them.

~ On Sunday, May 26th - Memorial Day Sunday, Flags were placed on the graves of the Veterans in the cemetery by Martha and Jarman Fretwell. During Kid's Rock on May 19th, the children visited the graves of several of the veterans, who were their family members. The sermon on this date was entitled "Freedom is not free"

JUNE 2019:

~ On Sunday, June 2nd, we will have Shin's last communion

~ Sunday June 9th is Pentecost - Everyone is asked to wear red. Shin will not be here, but Dale Rankin our Lay Leader will deliver the message.

~ Sunday, June 16th is United Methodist Men Sunday. The ladies will lead the service and a small token will be given to the men. Jennifer Strother has agreed to speak this Sunday.

~ Sunday, June 23rd is Shin's last Sunday with us.

~ Sunday, June 30th is our new minister's first Sunday with us. And it is also Bring-A-Friend Sunday.

~ The Counting Room/Worship Closet, needs to be cleaned out of any unnecessary items. Susan is willing to do this, but needs direction on what to do with the items.

~ Faith Nursing Ministry - Susan discussed briefly about her concern for the church's safety, security and how to protect church goers in the event of emergencies. She brought up that fact that there is going to be a

presentation at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds on June 20th from 6pm-8pm about this issue. If anyone is interested in attending this event, they must register by June 13th.

Nurture-Spiritual Development Committee: *(JoEtta Walker)*

~ There was discussion that we will be having 2 meals back-to-back on June 23rd for Pastor Shin's last Sunday and on Sunday, June 30th for Rev. Reaves first Sunday. The Staff/Parish Committee will make a final decision about what they want to do, as far as having refreshments or a sit-down meal for these two events.

Evangelism Ministry: *(No Report - VACANT Position - If anyone would be interested in taking over this position please see Pastor Shin.)*

Mission/Outreach Ministry: *(no report given)*

United Methodist Men: *(Dallas VanLear reported)*

~ There will be a UMM Worknight on Tuesday, June 18th starting at 6:30pm. The Trustees will give the UMM

a list for them to work on.

~ The UMM, headed by Kevin Armstrong will help build the props for Vacation Bible School 2019.

~ The UMM will organized our VBS 2019 end-of-week picnic on Friday, June 28th.

~ It was reported that Ladies Night 2019 went very well, and the entertainment was enjoyed by all.

United Methodist Women: *(Wanda Harding reported)*

~ June 1st - is UMW Day at Ferrum College from 9:30am-1:00pm

~ June 5th - the start of the new bible study entitled 'Whisper: How To Hear The Voice of God' by Mark Batterson @ 6:00pm

~ June 9th - The 50th Anniversary Celebration for Jack and JoEtta Walker - after Worship - Lunch Provided

~ June 16th is Father's Day Sunday - Hosted by the UMW

~ June 20-22nd is the Virginia Annual Conference in Roanoke

~ June 23rd - Farewell Lunch for Pastor Shin and family - After Worship - Covered Dish

~ June 23rd-28th - Vacation Bible School with a picnic on Friday

~ June 30th - Welcome Lunch for Reverend Michael Reaves and family - After Worship - Covered Dish

Staff/Parish Relations: *(no report given)*

Membership: *(Karen Whitmer)*

Reported Deaths in May:

~ Isabelle Willberger - May 12, 2019

Burials at Oak Lawn Cemetery in May:

~ Isabelle Willberger - May 12, 2019

~ Ruth Hite Cook - May 18, 2019

Lay Leader: *(no report given)*

Communications: *(Cindy Sheets)*

~ It was reported that a Planning Team Meeting will be held soon.

~ It was reported that the new church website will be finished in June.

~ It was reported that there has been some issues with the telephones in the church, i.e., people calling the main church phone and either getting the wrong voice message or getting a busy signal. There was discussion about this and it was decided that Sam Arnold will call the New Hope Telephone Company and see if the problem can be fixed on their end. It was also discussed that we may need to purchase new handheld phones for the church.

Pastor Report: *(no report given)*

Unfinished Business: *(None at this time.)*

New Business:

~ Karen expressed concern that there is still no one that has stepped up to take over as the Dining Room Coordinator for the HOTS in November. It was also noted that there has been no one to step up to take over as the Kitchen Coordinator for the HOTS. We will work to get the word out and try to ask some individuals if they may be interested in these positions.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Debbie Arnold.

Respectfully submitted by: Cindy Sheets

Next Church Council Meeting will be Thursday, June 27th at 6:30pm.

What a Blessing to Have 2 New Acolytes!




Bianca Brensinger and Karleigh Howdysshell




BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Robert & Peggy Corbin

3 - Mark Hite
- Isaac Thomas Markow


4 - Courtney Joyner
-  Mike & Sharyn Huff


5 - Megan Rickman

7 - Jeffrey Bragg
- Eddie Shaver
-  Jack & JoEtta Walker

8 - R.W. Stogdale

10 - Tracy McCray


11 - Harold Strickler
-  Kenny & Carolyn Fretwell

12 - Abby Armstrong
- Broc Powell
-  Greg & Kathy Killough

13 - Janet Harris
- Richard Stogdale

14 - Kaylee McLaren


15 - Elizabeth Barnhart
- Teresa Barr
- Emma Shifflett

15 - Ruth Wampler
-  Mike & Nellie Bosserman
-  Bill & Gail Shipe


16 - Jessica Arnold

17 -  Robert & Judy Riner


18 - Owen Harner
- Junior Morris


19 -  BF & Peggy Caricofe

20 - Ricky Rowe

21 - Billy Morrison
-  Fred & Julia Arndt

22 - Howard Poole, Jr

23 - Kindra Bragg
-  Owen & Dolly Harner

24 - Katie Harding Toole
-  Shawn & Jennifer Cook

25 - Linda Clark
- Paula Whitmer

26 - Zack Joyner
- Sam Carr
-  Michael & Patty Morris
-  Mike & Susie Shreckhise

27 - Janice Howdyshell
- Timothy Randolph

Upcoming Activities at New Hope UMC - JUNE 2019

June 1, Saturday ~ United Methodist Women Day at Ferrum College from 9:30am-1:00pm

June 2, Sunday ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am

~ Sunday Morning Worship & Holy Communion @ 10:30am

~ Children's Choir Practice - *Right After Worship*

~ Vacation Bible School Meeting - *Right After Worship*

June 3, Monday ~ Circle of Hope at the church with Linda @ 7:00pm

June 4, Tuesday ~ Sisters of Faith with Teresa Barr @ 1:30pm

~ Circle of Love at the church @ 7:00pm

June 5, Wednesday ~ 'Whisper' Bible Study starts @ 6:00pm

~ Sanctuary Choir Practice @ 6:45pm

June 8, Saturday ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

June 9, Sunday ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am

~ Pentecost Sunday with Dale Rankin delivering the message @ 10:30am

~ Children's Choir Practice - *Right After Worship*

~ The 50th Anniversary Celebration for Jack and JoEtta Walker - *After Worship*

June 12, Wednesday ~ 'Whisper' Bible Study @ 6:00pm

~ Sanctuary Choir Practice @ 6:45pm

June 15, Saturday ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

June 16, Sunday ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am

~ United Methodist Men Sunday and Father's Day Celebration - Hosted by the Ladies of the Church, with a Special Message by Jennifer Strother and Performance by the Children's Choir @ 10:30am

June 18, Tuesday ~ United Methodist Men Work Night @ 6:30pm

June 19, Wednesday ~ 'Whisper' Bible Study @ 6:00pm

~ Sanctuary Choir Practice @ 6:45pm

June 20, Thursday ~ Singles With A Testimony (S.W.A.T.) Lunch at Ciro's Pizza in Verona @ 12pm

June 20th-22th, Thursday-Saturday ~ Virginia Annual Conference in Roanoke

June 22, Saturday ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

June 23, Sunday ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am

~ Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am - (*Pastor Shin and Family's Last Sunday at New Hope UMC*)

~ Farewell Lunch (Covered Dish) for Pastor Shin & Family ~ *Right After Worship*

~ June 23rd-28th - Vacation Bible School starts @ 6:00pm

June 24, Monday ~ Vacation Bible School from 6:00pm-8:00pm

June 25, Tuesday ~ Vacation Bible School from 6:00pm-8:00pm

June 26, Wednesday ~ Vacation Bible School from 6:00pm-8:00pm

~ 'Whisper' Bible Study @ 6:00pm

June 27, Thursday ~ Vacation Bible School from 6:00pm-8:00pm

~ Church Council Meeting @ 6:30pm

June 28, Friday ~ Vacation Bible School Picnic starting @ 6:00pm

June 29, Saturday ~ Sweet Hour of Prayer @ 8:00am

June 30, Sunday ~ Sunday School @ 9:30am

~ Bring-A-Friend Sunday @ 10:30am - (*First Sunday with our new minister Reverend Reaves*)

~ Welcome Luncheon (Covered Dish) for Reverend Reaves & Family ~ *Right After Worship*



Nurse's Health Corner

June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month!

Dementia is a general term for a decline in mental ability severe enough to interfere with daily life. Memory loss is an example. Alzheimer's is the most common type of dementia.

About Dementia:

Dementia is not a specific disease. It's an overall term that describes a group of symptoms associated with a decline in memory or other thinking skills severe enough to reduce a person's ability to perform everyday activities. Alzheimer's disease accounts for 60 to 80 percent of cases. Vascular dementia, which occurs after a stroke, is the second most common dementia type. But there are many other conditions that can cause symptoms of dementia, including some that are reversible, such as thyroid problems and vitamin deficiencies.

Dementia is often incorrectly referred to as "senility" or "senile dementia," which reflects the formerly widespread but incorrect belief that serious mental decline is a normal part of aging.

Memory Loss and Other Symptoms of Dementia:

While symptoms of dementia can vary greatly, at least two of the following core mental functions must be significantly impaired to be considered dementia:

- *Memory*
- *Communication and Language*
- *Ability To Focus and Pay Attention*
- *Reasoning and Judgment*
- *Visual Perception*

People with dementia may have problems with short-term memory, keeping track of a purse or wallet, paying bills, planning and preparing meals, remembering appointments or traveling out of the neighborhood.

Many dementias are progressive, meaning symptoms start out slowly and gradually get worse. If you or someone you know is experiencing memory difficulties or other changes in thinking skills, don't ignore them. See a doctor soon to determine the cause. Professional evaluation may detect a treatable condition. And even if symptoms suggest dementia, early diagnosis allows a person to get the maximum benefit from available treatments and provides an opportunity to volunteer for clinical trials or studies. It also provides time to plan for the future.

Causes:

Dementia is caused by damage to brain cells. This damage interferes with the ability of brain cells to communicate with each other. When brain cells cannot communicate normally, thinking, behavior and feelings can be affected.

The brain has many distinct regions, each of which is responsible for different functions (for example, memory, judgment and movement). When cells in a particular region are damaged, that region cannot carry out its functions normally.

Different types of dementia are associated with particular types of brain cell damage in particular regions of the brain. For example, in Alzheimer's disease, high levels of certain proteins inside and outside brain cells make it hard for brain cells to stay healthy and to communicate with each other. The brain region called the hippocampus is the center of learning and memory in the brain, and the brain cells in this region are often the first to be damaged. That's why memory loss is often one of the earliest symptoms of Alzheimer's.

While most changes in the brain that cause dementia are permanent and worsen over time, thinking and memory problems caused by the following conditions may improve when the condition is treated or addressed:

- *Depression*
- *Medication Side Effects*
- *Excess Use of Alcohol*
- *Thyroid Problems*
- *Vitamin Deficiencies*

Diagnosis of Dementia:

There is no one test to determine if someone has dementia. Doctors diagnose Alzheimer's and other types of dementia based on a careful medical history, a physical examination, laboratory tests, and the characteristic changes in thinking, day-to-day function and behavior associated with each type. Doctors can determine that a person has dementia with a high level of certainty. But it's harder to determine the exact type of dementia because the symptoms and brain changes of different dementias can overlap. In some cases, a doctor may diagnose "dementia" and not specify a type. If this occurs it may be necessary to see a specialist such as a neurologist or gero-psychologist.

For More Information Please Visit: <https://www.alz.org/>



My Earthly Dad - by: Mary Fairchild

It's no secret that children observe and copy the behaviors they see in the lives of their parents. Christian fathers have the immense responsibility of demonstrating the heart of God to their children.

They also have the great privilege of leaving behind a spiritual legacy.

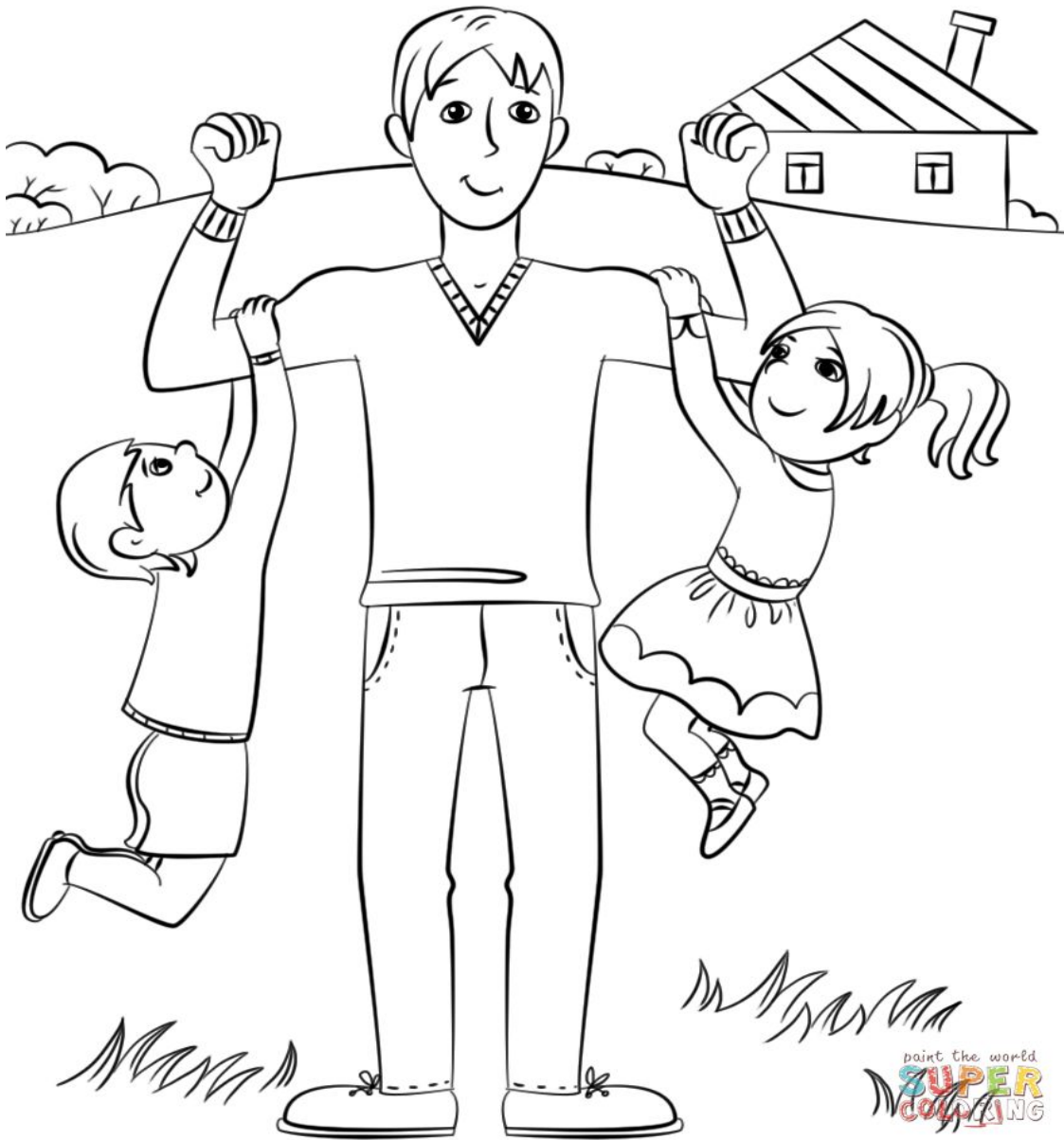
Here is a poem about one father whose godly character pointed his child to the heavenly Father.

With these three words,
"Dear Heavenly Father,"
I begin my every prayer,
But the man I see
While on bended knee
Is always my earthly dad.
He is the image
Of the Father divine
Reflecting the nature of God,
For his love and care
And the faith he shared
Pointed me to my Father above.

Kid's Corner ~ About Father's Day

by Sharla Guenther

Happy Father's Day



Do you ever wonder how Father's Day got started? It all started because a lady wanted to thank her father for all he had done for her and her family.

The first Father's Day in the United States was celebrated in Spokane Washington on June 19, 1910. It was proposed by Mrs. John B. Dodd in 1909. Her father, William Smart raised six children alone after his wife died in childbirth. He was also a civil war veteran.

It wasn't until 1966 that Father's Day was declared a national holiday in the U.S. and it wasn't until 1972 that the special day happened every year.

Father's are very special, so special that they are mentioned in the Bible. Since the Bible is like an instruction manual

for us, it gives us instructions on how to treat our father.

Do any of you know what the ten commandments are? They were rules that God gave to Moses for all of us to follow. Each commandment is very important and God gave each commandment for a reason. One of the commandments says: Honor your father and you

mother, so that all may go well for you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

What does honor mean anyway? Honor can mean many things. When we listen, obey, love, appreciate, and forgive our dad that is how we honor him. That means when he asks you to do something you should do it right away without complaining.

When you show you love your dad by hugging him and telling him that you love him that's another way to honor him. You can also appreciate your dad by thanking him when he does things for you (driving you to soccer practice or music lessons, etc.).

Our dads won't be perfect all the time, we all make mistakes. So we should forgive our dads when they make mistakes because God asks us to.

Some other verses in the Bible asks us to listen to our father's instruction and by doing this you will learn to have discipline and understanding. That means that when your dad gives you advice or warns you about something, it's important to listen. Your dad was a kid once too and knows lots of stuff because he has lived longer than you.

So if your dad asks you to hold his hand when you cross the street it's because he knows it can be dangerous because of all the cars. It's also why sometimes dads have to say "no" to things. If your parents always let you do everything you want you would never get any sleep and eat lots of candy, but our dads know that isn't healthy for you.

The last verse we're going to talk about today says: Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. I know that sometimes you don't always want to obey your parents but it's important that you obey them because it makes God happy!

One last thing. No matter how old you get your dad is your dad. Sometimes you might think that you can talk back to your parents or that you know more than them, but you don't. The Bible says to obey your parents always, not just when you're a kid. Your parents want the best for you and know what they're talking about.

Don't forget that we also have a heavenly father that cares and loves us no matter what. So if you don't have a father around all the time (or even if you do) God is the father of all fathers. He is there when your father can't be.



[New 12-Week Bible Study](#)

***'Whisper:
How To Hear The
Voice of God'***

**Starts
Wednesday,
June 5th at 6pm**

*If you would like to add an article or announcement to the Hilltopper, please contact
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