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## **FATHERS, SONS, & DAUGHTERS**

### **A Selected Article**

Fathers are their sons' primary role model, yet men have difficulty being close to their sons: If the father/son relationship is not a close one, the son may be left guessing about how to be a man. In a home where the father is not a strong presence, some boys mistake aggression for masculinity.

A boy with an authoritarian father may rebel against him, which is the first step in becoming exactly like him. Or, he may succumb, take shelter with his mother, and look for women who will mother him.

A 1986 report on the state of the American family revealed that 65% of men think they are closer to their kids than they were to their fathers. Perhaps fathers are learning to balance tenderness, vulnerability, and open displays of feelings with such traditional fatherly characteristics as strength and authority.

The most competent father in the world gets the jitters when his children become teenagers: Tough times ahead? They don't have to be. These years are significant ones for a father and his children to share.

These are particularly significant times for a father and his daughter. Your daughter's relationship with other men will be based on the example you set. If you rescue her too often, she will learn to be dependent. If you boss her too much, she will learn to be overly submissive. If you bow to her every wish, she will learn to manipulate. Above all; be her friend, teach her, talk to her, listen to her, and she will become a confident mature, young woman; able to

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love herself and the man who will one day be her partner and still love you!

Above all, remember that children are a blessing from the Lord, an investment in the future, and well deserving of your time, attention, praise and affection!

## **Your Child Deserves The Best!**

### **A Selected Article**

- Your child deserves to hear you pray earnestly and often.
- Your child deserves to go to worship and Bible classes with you regularly.
- Your child deserves to see you sacrifice for the Lord.
- Your child deserves to hear you talk to others about their becoming Christians.
- Your child deserves to go with you to visit the sick and bereaved.
- Your child deserves to be taught the Bible by you.
- Your child deserves to hear you praise the church.
- Your child deserves to see you putting the Lord first.
- Your child deserves to know Christ, and His living in you.

## **WILL WE DO IT?**

**By Steve Niemeier**

It is time for our V B S and in just a month we will be having a special series of lessons on "Bearing the Burdens of Life". The most effective invitation is a personal invitation. There are plenty of flyers in the back foyer. Will we use the most effective way of inviting someone and give them a personal invitation given by our hand to them? Will we do it?

## **"A Covetous Attitude "**

**By Jarrod Jacobs**

There are some people who are guilty of wrong attitudes, which result in wrong actions. We are not immune to such wrong dispositions. The Bible tells us of some who had wrong attitudes, and as a result, sinned. Let us consider the following.

### **Some Have A Covetous Attitude.**

To covet is to have *"avarice, i.e. (by impl.) fraudulency, extortion ... greediness"* (Strong's). In fact, Paul equates covetousness with idolatry in Colossians 3:5. When one puts all his energy in obtaining/acquiring a thing, he is covetous. Some may be covetous toward money (I Tim. 6:10), toward a person (Ex. 20:17), toward their own interests (Eph. 4:19-20), toward recreation (I Tim. 4:8), etc. Anything that you allow to come between you and God becomes your idol. It is that for which you covet and devout yourself. If we are going to be God's faithful children, we must not be covetous.

Some examples of covetousness in the Bible include Achan who coveted after *"a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight"* and caused the Israelites to lose the battle against the people of Ai (Josh. 7:5, 18-21). The remedy was that he was to die, as well as his family, in order for the Israelites to be in good standing with God (Josh. 7:23-26).

We might also consider the covetousness mentioned in I Timothy 6:10. *"For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."* Notice that those who would covet after money, or wealth err from the faith. The NKJ says, *"some have strayed from the faith in their greediness."* The NAS says, *"some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith."* It is a dangerous matter indeed when we think of those who covet after money or wealth. When people put this first in their lives, they are turning away from God and from His soul-saving word!