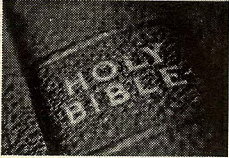


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A Special Man

Father's Day is here. We honor fathers today — and every day of life. They play a very important and basic role in life, in all society. My very wise grandmother used to say, "Anyone can have a child, but it takes a special man to be a father." I wholeheartedly agree.

Being a father is much more than performing a biological function. It is about loving and caring, guiding and sharing.

A father is the head of his family. He does this, not out of insecurity, selfishness or pride, but out of the desire to be an obedient servant to God. (Ephesians 5:22)

A father offers wise council so that he may lead his children to a path of righteousness. He is slow to anger, yet demands respect. "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; ..." Ephesians 6:1-3 (See also Genesis 18:19)

A father is strong, reliable and confident. But, a father is also tender, loving and understanding. "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: ..." Matt. 7:12 (See also Psalms 103:13)

A father is a good provider. As long as he is capable, he is willing to labor hard to provide shelter for his family, and food on the table ... "if any would not work neither should he eat"(II Thessalonians 3:10)

A father recognizes the importance of making time for those he loves. Little league baseball and recitals seem to be his favorite past time. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

A father is not judged by how much he earns or how many material goods he provides. What does matter to his children is how well he is being a father.
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