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## THE FUNCTION OF FATHERS!

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**TEXT: 1 Thessalonians 2:11** As ye know how we **exhorted** and **comforted** and **charged** every one of you, **as a father doth his children,**

12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

*"Happy Father's Day: Why is Dad such a doofus? Well he's not, but you wouldn't know it from the spate of misguided marketing...It is 2012, yet somehow the modern father can't...play lovingly with his children without chaos erupting...Really, they're just [portrayed as] stupid. Consumers of even small amounts of TV and all manner of product marketing know that dads are doofuses - the punch line that keeps on giving; the punching bag always at the ready...But several recent ad campaigns are pushing some fathers - and mothers - to reach for the cease-and-desist button. In a series of Oscar Mayer commercials, Dad is a buffoon, a screw-up in just about every way...He's infantile: His wife must constantly say 'no' to him...The Doofus Dad portrayal goes back years in TV Sitcom Land...Where's your sense of humor, some might ask?...Ned Holstein, a doctor and founder of Fathers and Families...used to brush aside the portrayals - until he got involved in family court matters..."*

[www.kansascity.com/2012/06/15/3660193/happy-fathers-day-why-is-dad-such.html](http://www.kansascity.com/2012/06/15/3660193/happy-fathers-day-why-is-dad-such.html)

"Our job is to give people not what they want, but what we decide they ought to have."  
(Richard Salent, former president, CBS News)

"Advertisers don't see as much as a risk today as they would have, years ago; again, because of the increasing comfort level that the general population has shown..."  
(Mike Wilke, Commercial Closet)

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**Psalms 127:4** As arrows are in the hand of a **mighty man**; so are children of the youth.

5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: **they shall not be ashamed**, but they shall **speak with the enemies in the gate.**

**Proverbs 30:29** There be three things which go well, yea, four are comely in going:

30 A lion which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any;

31 A greyhound; an he goat also; and a king, against whom there is no rising up.

**Jeremiah 50:8** Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and **be as the he goats before the flocks.**

"There are television sets in every home, every restaurant, every hotel room, and every shopping mall - now they're even small enough to carry in your pocket like electronic rosaries. It is an unquestioned part of everyday life. Kneeling before the...ray god, with our TV Guide concordance...we maintain the illusion of choice by flipping channels (chapters and verses). It doesn't matter what is flashing on the screen - all that's important is that the TV stays on...The birth of TV was a magical event foreshadowing its Satanic significance...TV's infiltration has been so gradual, so complete, that no one even noticed...We can use TV as a potent propaganda machine. The stage is set for the infusion of true Satanic philosophy and potent (emotionally inspiring) music...Today we have television dictating fashions, thoughts, attitudes...Instead of 'sins' to keep people in line, we have fear of being judged unacceptable by our peers...Many of you have already read my writings identifying TV as the new God. There is a little thing I neglected to mention up until now - television is the major mainstream infiltration of the New Satanic religion....Instead of obeying the holy bible, right or wrong, TV advertising now instructs what to buy and what not to buy...modern heresy [is] not conforming to a television lifestyle, not accepting television truths [and it] is liable to be punished with as much righteous enthusiasm as ever...The TV set, or Satanic family altar, has grown more elaborate since the early 50s, from the tiny, fuzzy screen to huge 'entertainment centers' covering entire walls...What started as an innocent respite from everyday life has become in itself a replacement for real life for millions, a major religion of the masses..."

(Anton Szandor LaVey, *The Devil's Notebook*; author of *The Satanic Bible*)

**Psalms 101:3** I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

**Joshua 4:6** That this may be a sign among you, that when your **children ask their fathers** in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones?

**Psalms 44:1** We have heard with our ears, O God, **our fathers have told us**, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

**Psalms 78:5** For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which **he commanded our fathers**, that they should make them known to their children:

**Proverbs 17:6** Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.

**Proverbs 30:11** There is a generation that curseth their father...

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**Hebrews 12:9** Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence...

"...no matter how often your maternal caped crusader has swooped in to save you, you're nothing special...Yes, you've been pampered...doted upon...bubble-wrapped...You've been feted and fawned over and called sweetie pie. Yes, you have. And, certainly, we've been to your games, your plays, your recitals, your science fairs...But do not get the idea you're anything special. Because you're not...You see, if everyone is special, then no one is. If everyone gets a trophy, trophies become meaningless...we Americans, to our detriment, come to love accolades more than genuine achievement...selflessness is the best thing you can do for yourself. The sweetest joys of life, then, come only with the recognition that you're not special."

([www.theswellesleyreport.com/2012/06/wellesley-high-grads-told-youre-not-special/](http://www.theswellesleyreport.com/2012/06/wellesley-high-grads-told-youre-not-special/))

**Proverbs 3:12** For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; **even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.**

"I thought of my own dad...It didn't make sense why he usually worked from dawn to dusk - until I had to balance my own checkbook to pay the bills. I didn't understand why he went to church regularly, until I needed God in my life...He made sure I learned to be honest and hardworking - to not spend what I didn't have...And one of the most important lessons I learned from him has helped me many times. When your heart is broken, don't allow it to turn to stone. Reach out and love others..."

(*The Hancock-Henderson Quil*, Elaine Slater Reese, "What Do Fathers Do?")

**Malachi 4:6** And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and **the heart of the children to their fathers**, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

**Luke 1:17** And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the **hearts of the fathers to the children**, and **the disobedient to the wisdom of the just**; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

**Philippians 2:14** Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, **in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights** in the world;