

## Father's Day

Father's Day was founded in Spokane, Washington by Sonora Smart Dodd. Its first celebration was in the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910. Sonora's father, the Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised his six children after the death of his wife. After hearing a sermon about Mother's Day at Central Methodist Episcopal Church in 1909, Sonora told her pastor that fathers should have a similar holiday honoring them. Although she initially suggested June 5, her father's birthday, the pastors did not have enough time to prepare their sermons, and the celebration was deferred to the third Sunday of June. In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the third Sunday in June as the officially recognized Father's Day.

One time a little boy was asked to define Father's Day and he said, "Its just like \_\_\_\_\_ Day, only you don't \_\_\_\_\_ as much on the \_\_\_\_\_."

### THREE OF DAD'S FAVORITE SAYINGS:

Go \_\_\_\_\_ your mother! Just wait 'till I get home! When I was your \_\_\_\_\_...

Seven characteristics that need to be found in good dads:

A Good Dad is one who:

- I. Is a \_\_\_\_\_—knows Christ as his personal Savior
  - A. Acts 4:12 (ESV) And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."
  - B. Romans 1:16 (ESV) For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
  - C. Without being a Christian, a father may raise his children well, but they will not be taught by Him about the Savior of the world.
  - D. Without being a Christian, a father cannot give a godly legacy to his children.
- II. \_\_\_\_\_ his family
  - A. His \_\_\_\_\_
    1. Eph. 5:25-Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
    2. Pro 18:22 (NKJV) *He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the LORD.*
    3. Col 3:19 (ESV) Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.
    4. 1 Peter 3:7 (NKJV) Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.
  - B. His \_\_\_\_\_
    - A. Psalm 127:3 (NKJV) Behold, children *are* a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb *is* a reward.
    - B. Ephesians 6:4 (NKJV) And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.
- III. Allows the Scripture to rule in his \_\_\_\_\_ life
  - A. Pro 3:1-My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:
  - B. Pro 6:20-My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:
  - C. Pro 7:1-2-My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. 2 Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.
- IV. \_\_\_\_\_ trains and disciplines his children
  - A. Pro 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.
  - B. Pro 13:24-He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him chastens him early.
  - C. Pro 29:15-The rod of correction imparts wisdom, but a child left to himself disgraces his

mother.

- D. Pro 29:17-Discipline your son, and he will give you peace; he will bring delight to your soul.
- V. Lovingly \_\_\_\_\_ his children
- A. Pro 1:8-10-against sin and the temptation by others to sin
- B. Pro 4:1-13-what is right before the Lord
- C. Pro 19:27-29-what is wrong and the result it will bring
- VI. Is deeply \_\_\_\_\_ about the foolishness found in his children before it brings destruction
- A. Pro 22:15a-Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child
- B. As fathers, we need to be deeply burdened about the foolishness in our children's hearts and set in place a \_\_\_\_\_ plan to help deal with and \_\_\_\_\_ this foolishness.
1. To \_\_\_\_\_ to do so will bring great heartache and pain to the parents.
    - a. Pro 17:25-A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.
    - b. Pro 28:7 (ESV) The one who keeps the law is a son with understanding, but a companion of gluttons shames his father.
    - c. Pro 17:21 (NKJV) He who begets a scoffer *does so* to his sorrow, And the father of a fool has no joy.
    - d. Pro 15:10 (NKJV) Harsh discipline *is* for him who forsakes the way, And he who hates correction will die.
  2. To do so is not an easy job and requires dedication and consistent \_\_\_\_\_ discipline
    - a. Pro 15:5 (NLT) Only a fool despises a parent's discipline; whoever learns from correction is wise.
    - b. Prov 22:15 (NKJV) Foolishness *is* bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him.
    - c. Pro 13:24 (NKJV) He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.
    - d. Pro 3:12 (NKJV) For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son *in whom* he delights.
    - e. Pro 29:15 (NKJV) The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left *to himself* brings shame to his mother.
    - f. Pro 29:17 (NKJV) Correct your son, and he will give you rest; Yes, he will give delight to your soul.
- VII. Rejoices over his children's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ
- A. Pro 23:22-25-Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. 23 Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding. 24 The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begets a wise child shall have joy of him. 25 Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.
- B. III John 1:4-I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

Conclusion: Are you a good dad? Are you a dad who honors the Lord with your life style, conversation, work ethic, treatment of other-especially your immediate family, your faithfulness to the house of God and the work of the Lord?