

Father's Day 2017 Handout (Great Father's Day Information to Help)

1. Nelson Bible Dictionary – the male parent of a household in Bible times was charged with the responsibility of providing for the family and giving religious instruction to the children
2. 'father' in the Hebrew & Greek – nourisher & protector
 - a. nourisher – natural and spiritual things; protector – physically and spiritually

Proverbs 17:6 And the glory of children is their father. NKJV

- a. Fathers you are a role model whether you want to be or not
- b. God implanted in your children love for you and a desire to be like you

3. Proverbs 20:7 The **righteous** man walks in his **integrity**; His children are **blessed** after him. NKJV

- a. Know that you greatly affect your children and you can choose to be like this man
- b. You are **righteous** ('just' KJV) by being Born Again and now you can choose to live righteously – if you do, your children will be blessed
- c. Proverbs 20:7 (KJV) 'just' lawful, righteous
 - just, righteous (in government); an example by obeying laws and speaking well of those in authority
 - just, right (in one's cause) – serious about Jesus and making no apology for it
 - just, righteous (in conduct and character) – holy living by choice; **(Psalm 101:3)** 'I will set nothing wicked before my eyes'; what do you children see you watching on TV
 - just, righteous (as justified and vindicated by God) – knows who he is Biblically
- d. **'integrity'** honorable, honest, reliable, complete
 - honorable – moral, principled, admirable
 - honest – truthful, free from deception, genuine, respectable, integrity, humility
 - reliable – a judgment based on past experience, assurance based on faith that another will not fail you, dependable, consistent, steadfast
 - do what you say you will do (your children remember)
 - complete – whole, mature, having all the necessary parts, provide what is lacking
- e. 'the righteous man walks in his integrity' – this is the way he has chosen to live his life
 - 'walks' manner of life – this is who he is and what he does all of the time
- f. **'blessed'** prosperous, happiness that comes when a superior bestows his favor
 - this blesses them more than anything else you could give them
 - they are blessed because they will learn from your example of a godly man
 - your children need to be centered on you, not you on them

4. **Proverbs 22:6** Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it. NKJV

- a. You have to decide you want to train them in the things of God and then do it by teaching them and living what you teach
- b. You will never develop a spiritual champion if you are not one yourself
- c. Zeal for the Lord – real men are not ashamed worship God; let them see your example
- d. **(Proverbs 13:20)** ‘a companion of fools will be destroyed;’ watch who your children associate with, remove from their lives those they should not be with
- e. ‘train up’ dedicate, discipline
 - dedicate – as a newly built temple and not yet profaned, is solemnly set apart to the Lord so a child, by training and discipline is dedicated as a temple of the HS
 - discipline – from birth teach and discipline your child from the Word as God’s child Whom He has entrusted to your care; your child is to be taught God’s ways almost from day one
- f. ‘should go’ not would go – this is where discipline comes in
- g. ‘when he is old....’ If you faithfully put the things of God into your children, there may be a glitch here or there, but they will return to the things of God; you have His Word

Proverbs 22:6 Teach your children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it. NLT

Proverbs 22:6 Point your kids in the right direction - when they're old they won't be lost. Msg

- h. **Ephesians 6:4** here is what we do not do; children become angry and frustrated when they are corrected or disciplined without instruction as to why

Ephesians 6:4 And now a word to you parents. Don't keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. TLB

Ephesians 6:4 Fathers, don't exasperate your children by coming down hard on them. Message

Ephesians 6:4 Fathers, do not irritate and provoke your children to anger [do not exasperate them to resentment] AMP

Ephesians 6:4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. NKJV

- a. ‘training’ education, instruction, discipline, correction, Christian discipline that regulates character; cultivation of mind and morals; tell them why they are corrected
 - undisciplined children are a nightmare
- b. ‘admonition’ training by the Word – in every aspect