

Father's Day

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Introduction

1. Ephesians 6:1-4; Romans 4:16
2. Father's are special people, they can evoke emotions both positive and negative
3. Father means: a nourisher, protector, upholder.
4. There is the Fatherhood of God
 - a. The Fatherhood of God is not mentioned in the Old Testament, until Psalm 68:5; 89:26; 103; 13
 - b. In the New Testament Matthew 5:45,48; 6:1,4,6,8-9
5. There is the choice of who our father will be John 8:38, 41, 44
6. There are certain qualities that if we chose God as our heavenly Father that need to be emulated. Let us notice 5 of these qualities

II Discussion

1. Fathers are to be faithful Christians
 - a. Let us notice first they must be a Christian, Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16
 - b. He has obeyed the Gospel, Romans 1:5; 6:17; 16:26
 - i. Believed, Repented, confessed, and has been baptized
 - c. He is faithful Revelation 2:10; 1 John 2:13
 - i. What is meant by faithful? Shows up at the house, what if he shows up at someone else's house? Does not, will not commit adultery, but is never home? If this is faithful, then to whom is he faithful?
 - ii. What if he is there but does nothing, is this a faithful father?
2. Faithful Husband
 - a. This is first before a father Matthew 19:4-5; Hebrews 13:4 Too many today are getting the father first and then maybe becomes a husband. This is not a biblical approach to the family.
 - b. He has the right to marry and become a father. Matthew 19:9; 1 Corinthians 7:2
 - c. Love his wife Ephesians 5:23-33
 - d. Dealing correctly with his wife 1 Peter 3:7 above passages as well
3. Faithful teacher Ephesians 6:4
 - a. He has taught 1 Timothy 3:2; Acts 6:3, 5; 21:8-9
 - b. He has taught his children to be faithful Titus 1:6; 1 Timothy 3:4
 - c. The average father spends 7 ½ minutes with his children, yet think of the influence your father had upon you.
 - d. In the negative areas change, in the positive areas, emulate
4. Faithful worker 1 Corinthians 15:58
 - a. We must provide for our own 1 Timothy 5:8
 - b. There is work in the Lord's kingdom for us all to do Matthew 11:28-30; 1 Corinthians 3:9; 2 Corinthians 6:1
5. Faithful leader
 - a. Of the family 1 Corinthians 11:3; 1 Timothy 2:7-14
 - b. Of the church 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:3

III Conclusion

1. Who is your father? Satan or God, chose ye this day which one will it be,
2. If Satan then you will be lost for eternity, if God there are blessing abounding
3. You must submit to the will of God, the Father
4. What will you do?

Sources: Old sermon 2004; Vine's Dictionary; Concordance