

## Father's Day

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### Introduction

1. Text Ephesians 6:1-4
2. The Bible tells us to honor our fathers this the day we have set aside to do this.
3. The word "father" or "fathers" occurs 1675 in the Bible and 428 times in the New Testament.
4. This discussion could center of the fatherhood of God, for He is the perfect father
5. Let us study some fathers in the Bible and learn from them.

### II Discussion

1. Zachariah the father of John the Baptist Luke 1:5-25; 67-80
  - a. He was righteous and blameless before God Luke 1:6
  - b. He walked in all the commandments and ordinances.
    - i. This would cause him to do what was told him
    - ii. He named him John according as he was told. Luke 1:13, 59-63
    - iii. The child would be trained to follow the law and preach Verse 15-17
  - c. He was a praying man Luke 1:13
    - i. He prayed correctly James 4:3
2. Joseph the father of Jesus Matthew 1:18-25; 2:13-15; Luke 2:1-52
  - a. He was a just man Matthew 1:19
  - b. He was a regular worshipper Luke 2:41
  - c. He obeyed God
    - i. Took Mary Matthew 1:18-24
    - ii. Named Him Jesus Matthew 1:25
    - iii. Left and went to Egypt Matthew 2:13-14
    - iv. Followed the law on circumcision Luke 2:21-39
3. Jairus, the father of a sick daughter Matthew 9:18-19, 23-26; Mark 5:35-43; Luke 8:41-43,49-56
  - a. He was a ruler of synagogue
  - b. He worshipped Jesus Matthew 8:18
  - c. Showed concern for his daughter by going to Jesus who could help him
  - d. Told to believe and was given hope after hearing terrible news Mark 5:36; Luke 8:50
4. The father of the demon possessed son Matthew 17:14-18; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:38-45
  - a. This is his only child Luke 9:38 he is concerned for him and what is happening to him
  - b. He knew his limitations but asked for help with them Mark 9:24

### III Conclusion

1. There are many good attributes in these fathers: godly, righteous, faithful, trustworthy, and devoted that ought to be copied in fathers today.
2. Fathers ought to love their children and this means teaching them about God
3. Fathers are to be examples to their children in worship and living the Christian life
4. Do you need to obey God and declare Him as your Father?

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