

FRESH NOTES

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Christian Fellowship

Is Essential To Spiritual Growth!

We Invite You To Come Fellowship With Us & Be Blessed By The Word!

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Let us get real. Some children have not always been completely loving to their fathers, and their time with them hasn't always been pleasant. Of all the relationships in the world, the father has the role that is unlike any other. The father is there to care, to comfort, to ensure growth, to love, to provide, to cloth, to feed. Some fathers do this and so much more. Some fathers often go over the top and beyond the call of fatherly duty. I am not only thankful for my father, I am thankful for all the fathers throughout the world.

The world is my family and every Father belongs to me. I dedicate this Father's Day celebration to the Memory of my Father, Charley Jackson, and all Fathers loss.

"Honor your Father and your Mother,
that your days may be long upon the land
which the Lord your God is giving you"

Exodus 20:12

In Loving Memory of All Deceased Fathers!

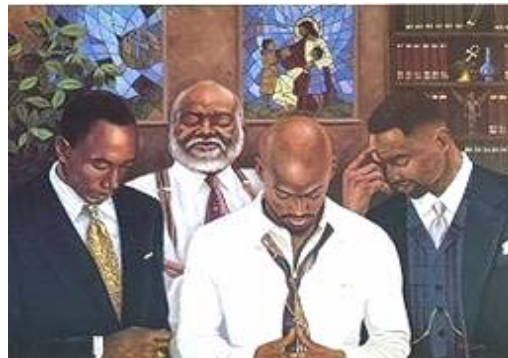


THE FATHER DESERVES HONOR!

As we think about who our heavenly Father is, how much He loves us, and all He does for us, we should find ourselves running to Him in prayer and saying, *"I love You, Father!"* At the end of the Old Testament, the Lord asked the leaders of His chosen people some soul-searching questions: *"A son honors his father and a servant his master. If then I am the Father, where is My honor? And if I am a Master, where is My reverence?"* (Malachi 1:6). We learned earlier of the tremendous privilege we have to call the almighty Creator by the intimate term *Abba*. But we must never forget who He is--the *Sovereign Lord* of all that exists. To honor the Father also means to recognize that He is the provider of all that we have and enjoy. We are to be *"always giving thanks to God the Father for everything"* (Ephesians 5:20). As obedient children, be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, *"Be holy, for I am holy."* *And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear"*

(1 Peter 1:14-17).

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



Old Testament

1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Leviticus
4. Numbers
5. Deuteronomy
6. Joshua
7. Judges
8. Ruth
9. 1 Samuel
10. 2 Samuel
11. 1 Kings
12. 2 Kings
13. 1 Chronicles
14. 2 Chronicles
15. Ezra
16. Nehemiah
17. Esther
18. Job
19. Psalms
20. Proverbs
21. Ecclesiastes
22. Song of Solomon
23. Isaiah
24. Jeremiah
25. Lamentations
26. Ezekiel
27. Daniel
28. Hosea
29. Joel
30. Amos
31. Obadiah
32. Jonah
33. Micah
34. Nahum
35. Habakkuk
36. Zephaniah
37. Haggai
38. Zechariah
39. Malachi

New Testament

1. Matthew
2. Mark
3. Luke
4. John
5. Acts
6. Romans
7. 1 Corinthians
8. 2 Corinthians
9. Galatians
10. Ephesians
11. Philippians
12. Colossians
13. 1 Thessalonians
14. 2 Thessalonians
15. 1 Timothy
16. 2 Timothy
17. Titus
18. Philemon
19. Hebrews
20. James
21. 1 Peter
22. 2 Peter
23. 1 John
24. 2 John
25. 3 John
26. Jude
27. Revelation

I am an imperfect being,
living in an
imperfect world,
Loved by a perfect God,
Who sees me
as complete in Him!
How can I go wrong!

I am just a Body,
Trying to tell Everybody
About Somebody
Who can Save Anybody!



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

"Any man can be a Father,

But it takes a Special Person to be called Dad!"

The idea for creating a day for children to honor their fathers began in Spokane. Sonora Smart Dodd thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Having been raised by her father, William Jackson Smart, after her mother died, Sonora wanted her father to know how special he was to her. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. Sonora's father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19th of June, 1910. President Calvin Coolidge, in 1924, supported the idea of a *National Father's Day*. In 1926, a National Father's Day Committee was formed in New York City. Father's Day was recognized by a Joint Resolution of Congress in 1956. Then in 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day. In 1972, President Richard Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June. So, Father's Day was born in memory and gratitude by a daughter who thought that her father and all good fathers should be honored with a special day just like we honor our mothers on Mother's Day. Father's Day has become a day to not only honor your father, but all men who act as a father figure. Stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, and adult male friends are all to be honored on Father's Day.

THE TASK OF A FATHER

Fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4

What admirable quality is common to marmosets, siamangs, sea horses, and jacanas? Here are your clues. Marmosets are squirrel-size monkeys. Siamangs are members of the ape family. Sea horses aren't really horses. And jacanas are robin-size wading birds, sometimes called "lily trotters" because their long toes allow them to walk across water on lily pads. Your time is up. Here's the answer I'm looking for: The male of each of these species takes care of its young. I wish this could be said of all Christian fathers about the spiritual nurture of their children. Dads have a wonderful opportunity to encourage, to warn, to teach, to counsel, and to model the Christian life for them. It's significant that Moses' instruction in Deuteronomy 6 was directed toward fathers. Verse 7 especially spells out one task of a father--to teach his children. This sounds like Paul's statement in Ephesians 6:4. He said that fathers should rear their children "in the training and admonition of the Lord." Christian fathers who do this will distinguish themselves from other dads and will be obedient to God's will. Oh, that our children would be nurtured by dads and moms who love the Lord!

Fathers, give your children guidance and instruction from God's Word; then with wisdom and compassion teach them how to love the Lord.

A Christ-like example

Is a Father's greatest gift to his children!

A FATHER'S BLESSING

A man who was grieving the death of his father said, "I am crying not only for my father, but for me. His death means that I'll never hear the words I always wanted to hear from him: that he was proud of me, proud of the family I've raised and the life I've lived." Instead of repeating his father's mistake, the man later gave his own son the words of encouragement he himself had never heard, saying he was proud of him and the life he had made. Too often, tension between fathers and children are left unresolved. Old wounds remain unhealed. We are unwilling to forgive the angry words and hurts from the past. But for the sake of ourselves and our families, we need to do what we can to dismantle the walls of separation between us. How can we begin? The Bible's command for all our relationships is: *"Love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous, not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing. Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it"*

(1 Peter 3:8-9,11).

Let us determine by God's grace to break the cycle of anger and give our children what they long to hear from us—words of blessing and love. Our children need to know we care that when they need us we will be there; for deep within, they need to hear that someone dear loves them.

*The best thing you spend on your children
Is your time.*

**Happy Birthday
JUNE Saints!**