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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

"A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just."

~ Proverbs 13:22 ~

7 Steps for Effective Fathering

Written by Steve Farrar

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Children form a great deal of their understanding of God as Heavenly Father by what they see and hear from their earthly fathers. A father's tasks are numerous and sometimes quite difficult. Fathering requires tremendous attention, discipline, and self-control. Deuteronomy 6 is a fundamental chapter for fathers who want to be effective. Seven steps for effective fathering can be found in this passage:

1. Fathers are to initiate action.
2. Fathers are to teach.
3. Fathers are to discipline.
4. Fathers are to communicate.
5. Fathers are to be available.
6. Fathers are to be aware.
7. Fathers are to be involved.

A change has occurred in American families over time. Children have fathers who live in one city and mothers who live in another. Families are being separated geographically, emotionally, and spiritually. But God has given the father the responsibility of keeping his family anchored in Christ. When the father leaves, abuses, or neglects his wife and children, the family begins to drift.

Understanding your strengths and weaknesses will allow you to concentrate on improvements you need to make. All fathers are strong in some areas and weak in others. Thank God for the strengths He has placed in you and ask Him to help you make improvements in your areas of weakness.

1. **Initiate Action** - Deuteronomy 6:1 says, "These are the commandments, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess." God has placed on parents the responsibility of teaching their children.

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The responsibilities of fatherhood in Deuteronomy 6 revolve around taking initiative. That means you cannot wait for something to happen before you decide what to do. It means you give your children a moral base on which to stand. You teach them how to deal with temptation and how to control their anger. If you can maintain an attitude of anticipating and heading off problems, you will help your children embrace a godly life. God desires that you lead your children just as He leads you.

2. Teach - When you take an active role in the life of your children, you will find that your main task is to teach. All of life is an education, and you must take the lead role in what your children are taught. A nation is only as strong as the families that live in it. God chooses to work through fathers to raise righteous children. If you are absent emotionally or physically, your children will suffer the consequences.

3. Discipline - Fathers are not only to initiate and teach, they are to discipline. What is the purpose of discipline? Deuteronomy 6:2 says, "So that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord." The goal is to instill respect for authority and accountability for personal actions. Discipline is not abuse but rather the establishment of boundaries and consequences that teach appropriate behavior.

4. Communicate - Fathers are to communicate. Deuteronomy 6:7 says, "Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Fathers are to communicate the Word of God to their children in all aspects of life. This does not mean you can only have a set devotion time at the evening meal or afterward. Bible teaching can be done anytime, anywhere. Communicating with your children can be a daunting task. Talking with them is the work of entering into their lives. It communicates caring and concern. Talking with them involves knowing the world in which your children live. Ask what your children are thinking and feeling. Never dismiss your children's thoughts and feelings as unimportant. Communicate your love for your child often.

5. Be Available - Availability is a rare commodity for most men. You have work obligations that demand time and attention. You have personal interests that are necessary for relaxation. You have a relationship with your spouse that requires time and attention. Unfortunately, your children are usually the ones left out. To father your children properly, you must make time to be available to them. Boys see their fathers as examples of what men should be. Sons will relate to their wives the same way you relate to your wife. Daughters see in their fathers the type of man they will look to marry.

6. Be Aware - Fathers are to be aware of the needs and interests of their children. Awareness requires focused, undivided attention on the things your child considers important. In this age of cell phones, beepers, and wireless Internet, it is increasingly difficult for a father to leave work at the office. When you are spending time with your children, focus your attention on them. Ask questions. Ask about their thoughts, likes, dislikes, and feelings. Take precautions against distractions. Let your child choose how to spend your time together.

7. Be Involved - Involvement with your children may require a sacrifice of your time. If you want to teach and mentor your children, encourage them to tell you about their days, spend individual time with them, eat meals together, and do homework together.

Involvement also includes knowing what your children are reading, watching, and hearing. Can you name your children's favorite television shows, radio stations, movie stars, musicians, or sports celebrities? Can you name your children's teachers and friends? If not, find out by asking questions that

reflect interest without judging. If you hear something from them that displeases you, gently lead them to other activities or interests.

The reward for this kind of fathering is found in the third epistle of John 1:4 "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." A father's job well done is a child's life well

lived.



June begins thoughts of travel and relaxation. Much preparation is needed; was adapted from Steve Farrar's, Men Leading the Charge (Nashville: LifeWay Press, 2000) "Where will we go", "What will it cost", "How will we get there", "What do we need to take"? All important questions to ponder. Let's look at "what we need to take". **Baggage!** Dr. Richard Powell, Senior Pastor of McGregor Baptist Church spoke on:

"Baggage Claim"; (Hurts, Habits, Hang-ups.)

"Losing My Baggage"

(Matthew 11:28-30)

- Losing my baggage takes me committing my **ALL** to Christ's care and **CONTROL**.
- "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you **REST**. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find **REST** for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30)

I) WHY CAN'T I LOSE THIS BAGGAGE?

1) My **PRIDE** - I'm **UNWILLING** to admit I need help.

- "The wise are glad to be instructed, babbling fools fall flat on their **FACE**." (Prov. 10:8 NLT)

2) My **GUILT** - I'm ashamed to ask God for help.

- "Too many troubles gather around me. My sins have taken such a hold of me that I am not able to see. Meanwhile, my sins, too many to count, have all caught up with me; I am **ASHAMED** to look up." (Psalm 40:12 NLT, TLB)

3) My **FEAR** - I'm **AFRAID** of what I'd have to give up.

- "And how do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul...? Is **ANYTHING** worth more than your soul?"

4) My **WORRY** - I'm **CONCERNED** about the decision.

- "I'm sure of this, that He who started a good work in you will carry it on to **THE DAY** until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:6 HCSB)

5) My **DOUBT** - I don't have enough **FAITH**.

- "...if you have faith as small as a mustard seed...**NOTHING** will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:20 NIV)

II) HOW DO I LOSE THIS BAGGAGE?

1) I Accept **GOD'S SON** as My Savior. (only way)

- "...Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be **SAVED**..." (Acts 16:31 NIV)

2) I Accept **GOD'S WORD** As my Standard. (instruction, guide)

- "All Scripture is God-breathed..." (2Timothy 3:16 NIV)

3) I Accept **GOD'S WILL** as my Strategy. (of life)

- "I desire to do your will, O my God..." (Psalm 40:8 NIV)

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4) I Accept **GOD'S POWER** as my Strength.

- *For you can do everything God asks me to with the help of Christ who gives me strength and **POWER.**"*
(*Philippians 4:13 TLB*)

- Key - I don't need more of **MY POWER**; I need God's power.
- Key - I need to **LOSE** my baggage.



FLAG DAY — JUNE 14TH

In the United States, **Flag Day** is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened that day by resolution of the Second Continental Congress in 1777.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress.

Flag Day is not an official federal holiday, though on June 14, 1937, Pennsylvania became the first (and only) U.S. state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday.

The week of June 14 is designated as "National Flag Week." During National Flag Week, the president will issue a proclamation urging U.S. citizens to fly the American flag for the duration of that week. The flag should also be displayed on all Government buildings. Some organizations hold parades and events in celebration of America's national flag and everything it represents.

WHAT I WANT GOD TO DO FOR ME

God grant me the ability to be able to see YOU in everything and everybody around me. I know that YOU are always present and ready to make YOURSELF known to us all.

YOUR Word says that YOU make it rain on the just as well as the unjust. We are all equal in YOUR eyes. FATHER, I know that without YOU, I am nothing, but with JESUS as my LORD and SAVIOR, I can do all things, great and small.

LORD help me to stand for YOU so I will not fall for anything and help me to die of self more each second of the day, each day of the week, each week of the month, and each month of the year. LORD, help me to always walk with you.

Author: HOLY SPIRIT through H.B.

LET GOD'S BLESSINGS



RAIN DOWN ON YOU.



June's Flower Is The Rose

The Latin name for the rose, *rosa*, literally means red. Jewish legends attributed the color of the rose to the first blood that darkened the earth's soil. The flower also represents love/devotion.

Color Meanings:

- **Red:** love
- **Pink:** grace, lesser feelings of love
- **Dark Pink:** gratitude
- **Light Pink:** admiration, sympathy
- **White:** innocence, purity, secrecy, friendship, reverence and humility.
- **Yellow:** Yellow roses generally mean dying love or platonic love.
- **Yellow with red tips:** Friendship, falling in love
- **Orange:** passion
- **Burgundy:** beauty
- **Blue:** mystery
- **Green:** calm
- **Purple:** protection (paternal/maternal love)

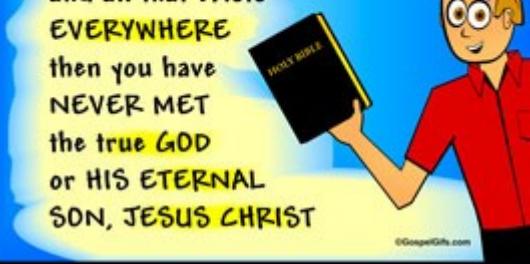
Thoughts by Annie:

The Lord knows all the "stitches" and colors" and even the "knots" in our life. But even if we lose a "stitch" or have to "rip" out a few stitches, the Lord loves us and cares about all the details in our life. The Lord should be like the needle that holds the thread. The needle is needed to create the beautiful design, but it takes us using one stitch at a time to create the big picture. So let the Lord be the "needle". He is there with you every "stitch" of the way. Even if you don't see the "needle" when all the necessary supplies have been put away. You know what was needed to create your lovely unique design. For without the "needle" to bring everything together it would just be some colored thread and a piece of fabric.



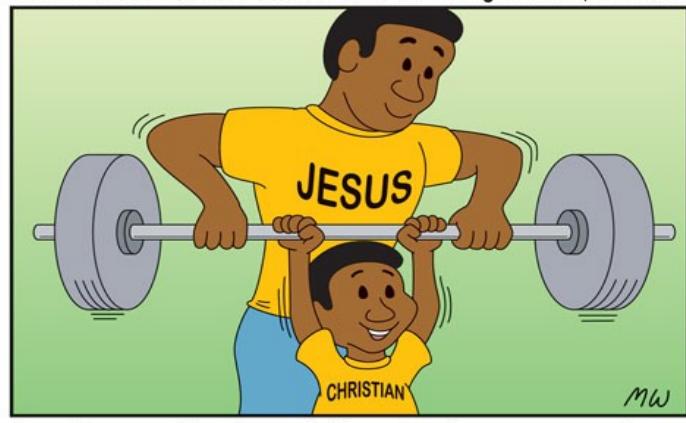
Know Your Bible

if your GOD
did not create
the UNIVERSE
and all that exists
EVERWHERE
then you have
NEVER MET
the true GOD
or HIS ETERNAL
SON, JESUS CHRIST



THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH

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I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

— PHILIPPIANS 4:13 NIV

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In our beautiful area of S.W. Florida we know that many businesses have closed their doors this year. We want to change this trend. God did not mean for us to go through trials alone. God has commanded Christians to love one another and pray for one another.

We at Love and Compassion Ministries (your neighbor) wish to pray for your needs and expect God to perform miracles in your life!

You may print your prayer request below and mail, fax, or e-mail it back to us, so that we can start petitioning our Lord to intervene into your situation. No strings attached.

Our message to you is to hang on and have faith that God can help!

The Bible says in Luke 11:9-10: And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. 10. For every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

**Please Pray For Love And Compassion Ministries
&
All We Minister To**

Please pray for LCM as we minister to the young and old alike. Whether they need help with transportation, a drug program, finding a place to live, or numerous other needs, we want to show them Love and Compassion as we reach out to them.

We have so many people right now that are in need. Many have lost hope and have given up. Many have marital problems and need counseling in the worst way. Many families with children have moved many times this year in order for them to have food on the table. Many are in need of food but are too proud to ask for it.

Many people are in need of a place to live. They are living in the woods, tents, homeless shelters, and in their cars. Please pray for us as we look to God for words and help, as we do all we can to show people the love of Jesus when they feel they've hit rock bottom. Please pray that we will find money to continue to help the ones that are in such need.

Please pray for all the men and ladies whom we are trying to get into drug programs and all that we have already placed in programs. Pray that we will be able to find jobs for the people in need of work. May God use us in a mighty way to reach the lost and hurting of this area. Thank You!



Love And Compassion Ministries

Dear Friends,

God is blessing us in so many ways as we reach out to a lost and hurting world. The Lord has added to our staff . We now have three wonderful ladies that have volunteered their time to help this ministry reach even more people by providing the means for us to minister in a more effective way.

Miss Sue Giambra has become our Publication Director. She has been given the duty and responsibility of layout, production, and delivery of our news letter and all printed and non-printed publications. She is in the process of looking for good articles that will give people spiritual hope, encouragement, help, and challenge all of us to be better servants for our Lord as we always honor and glorify God!

If you have a story or an article that you think would be right for next month's news letter please send it to Miss Sue at sgiambra@LoveCompassion.com.

Mrs. Edna Cannavale has become our grant coordinator. Her position and duties are laid out as being responsible for finding grants that are in line with our beliefs, concerns, and direction that God has set before us. It is essential that she complete all applications within the time frame allowed by the grant holder, as she researches, communicates our needs, and diligently puts words on paper that will inform the public of our actions in helping people of all walks of life. If you have any information that could help Mrs. Edna to complete her mission please send it to her at ecannavale@LoveCompassion.com.

Mrs. Jean Whetsel has taken the position as coordinator of God's Place. She is in the process of running down prices of items that we are going to need when the base is opened, setting up people to run the programs, and provide important knowledge on new and exciting products and services that are available to us. She is also working many hours to find out what is on the base today and cost to run certain aspects of the programs that we will offer. With a strong desire to see this project up and running she works day and night. We believe that when Christ's love and compassion is offered, hope grows and the fallen are encouraged to learn and follow His ways. Every individual can grow toward a fullness of health, given the proper environment and guidance at God's Place.

If you have any information that could help Mrs. Jean in her mission to further her knowledge of the base now and all related items needed in the future please sent it to her at jeanw@LoveCompassion.com.

These three Godly ladies are extremely smart, professional, and dedicated to serving the Lord within Love And Compassion Ministries structure. Please keep them in your prayers as they are serving in our Lord's army.

We thank our Lord and Savior for putting within these three the desire to serve along with many others in helping this ministry do all it can to help the lost, hurting, imprisoned, veterans, drug and alcohol addicted, and homeless people of this area. As any army on the battle field, we need support to keep it all going. Satan wishes to stop us at any cost. Please remember LCM and its volunteers in your prayers and give so we will be able to endure.

In the Presence of our LORD,

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If you would like to be a part of our exciting prayer team, please send us your e-mail address and we will send you updates of people who need our prayers. *The LORD is near to all who call upon HIM, to all who call upon HIM in truth.* Psalm 145:18 NKJ

It is a great privilege that we have, as sons and daughters of the KING, to be able to come into HIS presence with our needs, our hurts, and our cares. We know that we can leave them at HIS feet because HE cares for us and will always answer us in our time of need.

Prayer requests are very important to us! We always need people who are caring and willing to personally pray for others needs. As we pray for their physical, moral, and spiritual needs, we must understand that because of JESUS CHRIST'S love for all of us, we are able to do this. CHRIST is the answer to every human's needs.

As members of the Body of CHRIST, we have the privilege and responsibility to pray for our Churches, our missionaries, public officials, other ministries, and each other.