

The Godly Father

Psalms 128

Introduction: This is a very special day, as we thank God for our dad's and how they have loved us, worked for us and stood by us.

I want to speak to our fathers but also speak to everyone today from God's Word.

We've been talking about faith for the last several Sundays and we are going to continue that theme for several more Sundays because Jesus said, "According to your faith, so be it unto you."

Faith is a premium in the kingdom of God. If you want to please God, the Bible says that you must believe that He is and He is a rewarder of them that diligent seek Him. I don't know anything that would take more faith than to be a father, to be the father and the man God wants us to be.

This Psalm has a lot to say about what a real godly father is and does...

I. The faith of the godly father (v.1):

I believe we need as father's to set the pattern for our families in the home. Fathers have been given the responsibility of...

A. Leading their families – (*Eph 5:22-28; 1 Cor. 11:3-10*)

B. Loving the Lord – (*Deut 6:4-9*)

C. Lead their wives and family to love the Lord – (*Josh. 24:14*)

II. The family of the godly father (vv. 3-4):

Every community, county, state, and national leader comes from a family with a father's influence (good or bad)!

A. Our Father is a conscientious Father – (*Mt. 6: 25-33*)

The godly father takes care to meet the needs of his family like our Heavenly father cares for us!

B. Our Father is a compassionate Father – (*Lam. 3:22, 23*)

(*Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8*) (*Ps. 56:8; Rev. 17:7; 21:4*)

The godly father shows his wife and children compassion because he is walking in the ways of our heavenly father...

C. Our Father is a consistent Father – (*Heb. 13:8*)

The godly father is consistent because he walks in the ways of his Heavenly father who is always consistent with us!

D. Our Father is a correcting God – (*Heb. 12: 6, 7; Prov. 3:12*).

The godly father is a correcting father who seeks to guide the heart and actions of those in his home, because he is walking in the ways of his heavenly Father who is a correcting father to us!

III. The future of the godly father (vv. 5-6):

Most of us are not only fathers but grand fathers as well and we are establishing a legacy and it is being revealed in our grandchildren.

A. We are still fathers – “...*all the days of your life*”

1. Becoming a grandparent does not resolve us of our parental duties to the family...

2. Become a great grandparent – We do this by *not* doing the following things that are typical of men:

a. Don't be arrogant –

b. Don't be authoritarian –

c. Don't be absent –

d. Don't be abusive –

e. Don't be aloof –

f. Don't be angry –

Here is the secret to that success....

B. We are to remain faithful – “*Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways!*”

1. Godly fathers prepare their family for the future –

2. Godly fathers must provide protection for their family –

3. Godly fathers must set the pattern for their family – “*Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways!*”

Conclusion: To our godly fathers, we say thank you and praise God for you! We need you!

If you desire to be a godly father and grandfather like this, it is not too late!

The Lord can help you become this if you will fear the Lord and walk in His ways!