

A FATHER'S DAY MESSAGE  
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**EPHESIANS 6:1-4**

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**THINGS THAT ONLY DAD CAN DO**

*THE LIFE, INFLUENCE AND POWER OF A DAD'S LOVE*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Fatherhood, Family Life, Children, God, Ministry**

**Introduction to the Text;**

**Ephesians 6:1-4**

**The Theme and Textual Summation of the Topic**

**Eph. 6:1-4**

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. :2 "Honor your father and mother" — which is the first commandment with a promise - :3 "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." :4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

**Benefits of fathers involvement with a child is associated with:**  
*an overall increase in the child's ability to develop physically, mentally and socially..*

**Benefits of fathers involvement with a child is associated with:**  
*a child's adult experience of becoming delinquent and/or homelessness or imprisoned.*

**Benefits of fathers involvement with a child is associated with:**  
*Higher levels of intellectual attainment and achievement.*

**Benefits of fathers involvement with a child is associated with:**  
*A marked decline in mental health problems and/or disorders.*

**Benefits of fathers involvement with a child is associated with:  
A lower rate of civil disobedience or criminal behavior.**

**Benefits of fathers involvement with a child is associated with:  
*The child developing into a loving, caring and protective parent.***

## **THINGS ONLY DAD CAN DO**

**1.) Only dad can speak life into his child**

**Deut. 30:19**

I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, *that* I have set before you **life and death**, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your family may live;

## **ONLY DAD CAN SPEAK LIFE INTO HIS CHILD**

**1a.) Dad's speak protection over a child's life**

**Psa. 62:6**

He only *is* my rock and my salvation; *He is* my defense;  
I shall not be moved.

**When Does Dad Speak Protection ?**

“every time a dad stands with Jesus

**How Does Dad Speak Protection ?**

By the strength of words that a father communicates

## **ONLY DAD CAN SPEAK LIFE INTO HIS CHILD**

**1b.) Dad's speak power into a child's life**

### Deut. 6:1-9

“Now this *is* the commandment, *and these are* the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe *them* in the land which you are crossing over to possess, :2 that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. :3 Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe *it*, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you—“a land flowing with milk and honey 4 “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one! :5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. :6 “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. :7 **You shall teach them diligently to your children, and you shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.** :8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. :9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

## ONLY DAD CAN **SPEAK LIFE** INTO HIS CHILD

### 1c.) Dad's **speak** peace into a child's life

### Phil. 4:4-6

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! :5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand. :6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; :7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

None of us dad's are perfect – but we have a target we're aiming at.

**“We're never going to Make – The Ship is Sinking – We're Lost”**  
(could it be that these days are the great days of our God dad's)

## THINGS ONLY DAD CAN DO

### 2.) Only dad can **provide life** for his child

**I'm not** talking about being a **baby maker**,  
**But I am** talking about **being a man** - who fathers his children...

## ONLY DAD CAN **PROVIDE LIFE** FOR HIS CHILD

### 2a.) You provide life for them when you **include them**

Dad, when their little - **expose** them to the things of God / Life

Dad, when their in their teens – **require** them to do the things of God / Life

Dad, when their older - **offer** them the things of God / Life

#### Prov. 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go,  
And when he is old he will not depart from it.

Dad – be consistent with your kids....

## ONLY DAD CAN **PROVIDE LIFE** FOR HIS CHILD

### 2b.) You provide life for them when you **allow them**

Dad, their comes a time when we've got to trust God too...

Teaching them how to **ride a bike** is a good thing.

Teaching them how to **drive a car** is a good thing.

Teaching them how to **respect others** is a good thing.

## ONLY DAD CAN **PROVIDE LIFE** FOR HIS CHILD

2c.) You provide life for them when you encourage **them**

### Jacob's Words - Gen. 49:22

"Joseph is a fruitful tree, a fruitful tree beside a fountain.  
His branches reach over the wall.

"Dad, I wanna be a doctor" – what,  
"are you crazy, you'll starve under this socialized healthcare plan"  
dad – don't say that.... Say.....

### Phil. 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

## Have You Seen an Encouraged Child ?

### Judg. 6:12

And the Angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, and said to him,  
"The LORD *is* with you, **you mighty man of valor!**"

## THINGS ONLY DAD CAN DO

3.) Only dad can **create life** in his child

## ONLY DAD CAN **PROVIDE LIFE** FOR HIS CHILD

3a.) Only dad can create a **Christ centered** worldview

Dad. Make sure that you're the who "Opens Your Child's Eyes"  
To the things of this world – ***cuz someone will !!!***

### **Teach Them to See the Truth...**

The truth is, God has created this world.  
But - The truth is, this world is NOW lost and needs to be rescued.  
The truth is, this world can only be understood thru the lens of scripture.

**Prov. 3:3-8**

Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart, :4 *And* so find favor and high esteem In the sight of God and man. :5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; :6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. :7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. :8 It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.

**ONLY DAD CAN PROVIDE LIFE FOR HIS CHILD**

**3b.) Only dad can create a ministry-minded child**

**The Servant hood Example of a Father,**

True Christianity is “**Caught**” more than it is “**Taught**”

**John 13:13**

You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. :14 If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. :15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

**Dad, its good for you to serve your child – not spoil them !!!**

Get involved together in a “church” thing...

**ONLY DAD CAN CREATE LIFE WITH HIS CHILD**

**3c.) Only dad can create a lasting spiritual legacy**

Dad, let your child see you doing “God Stuff”  
And dad – don’t be discouraged... it’s a journey.

dads, make sure you get your boys dirty and greasy,  
take em' fishing and have them reel that fish in, took the hook out of it.  
Dad, take you daughter shooting or surfing or hiking,  
let her get dirty and stinky  
if we're not careful we'll turn our kids into little wimpy, girly homo boys.

## THINGS ONLY DAD CAN DO

4.) Only dad can **grace life** into his child

### ONLY DAD CAN **GRACE LIFE** INTO HIS CHILD

4a.) A grace-giving dad will **generate** resilience

There Are Times of "Returning" with the Lord.

**"Try it Again Sweetheart / You Can Do It Son**

#### Phil. 3:8

Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

### ONLY DAD CAN **GRACE LIFE** INTO HIS CHILD

4b.) A grace-giving dad will **create** obedience

**Dad – you can turn things around –  
no matter what the past was like.**

**John 14:15**

**"If you love Me, keep My commandments.**

**ONLY DAD CAN GRACE LIFE INTO HIS CHILD**

**4c.) A grace-giving dad will inspire confidence**

There is Great Power and Confidence in Both Giving  
Grace and Receiving Grace... Grace is a Healer !!!

**Is. 1:16-18**

"Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, :17 Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow. :18 "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.

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