

# Impacting Generations

Father's Day, Sunday Morning, June 15, 2014

**Thesis:** Godly Father's Impact Generations!

## Introduction:

THE IDEA FOR CREATING A DAY for children to honor their fathers began in Spokane, Washington. A woman by the name of 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, 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. Her 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. In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Roses are the Father's Day flowers: red to be worn for a living father and white if the father has died.

## **I.** Godly Father's. . . . . Fear the Lord

**(Joshua 24: 14 – 16)**

14 "Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord!

15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

16 So the people answered and said: "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods;

Godly Fathers are Priests of the Home  
Responsible for the Spiritual Life of His Family

**(Deuteronomy 6: 6 – 7)**

6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and 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.

**(Ephesians 6:4)**

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

Godly Fathers are Close to God

Godly Fathers Reveal God's Love To Their Children

Godly Fathers Earnestly Pray For Their Families

## **II.** Godly Fathers. . .

. . . Tell People About Their Personal Relationship  
With Christ

**(Matthew 28: 18 – 20)**

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

## Godly Fathers Demonstrate Faith, Hope and Love

### (I Corinthians 13: 13 - 14 )

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

## Godly Fathers Pursue God's Direction

### (II Chronicles 34: 1 – 7)

1 Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem.

2 And he did what was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the ways of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek the God of his father David; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images.

4 They broke down the altars of the Baals in his presence, and the incense altars which were above them he cut down; and the wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images he broke in pieces, and made dust of them and scattered it on the graves of those who had sacrificed to them.

5 He also burned the bones of the priests on their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.

6 And so he did in the cities of Manasseh, Ephraim, and Simeon, as far as Naphtali and all around, with axes.

7 When he had broken down the altars & the wooden images, had beaten the carved images into powder, & cut down all the incense altars throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

## III. Godly Fathers Impact Generations!

### (Exodus 20: 4 – 6)

4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image— any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;  
5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third & fourth generations of those who hate Me,  
6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

"God wants to bless your children because of your choices. He wants you to be able to give a spiritual inheritance to your children that will last long after you've died."

*Rev. Jeff Strite*

## Conclusion:

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