



FATHER'S DAY SERMON

NOTES

fa-ther (fä' ther)

- a. A male person whose sperm unites with an egg, resulting in the conception of a child.
- b. A man who adopts a child.
- c. A man who raises a child.

Someone once said 'It takes a few seconds to father a child but a life time to be a Father'

'I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a father's protection'

Sigmund Freud

'It was my father who taught me to value myself. He told me that I was uncommonly beautiful and that I was the most precious thing in his life'

Dawn French

Fatherhood is worth celebrating. It's part of God's strategy together with a Mother in creating an environment of love, acceptance, belief and security. Many would say that the role of the father is not really necessary but research shows over and over again that when a father is present and bringing a positive influence in a child's life there is an increase in self esteem, greater discipline and respect and preparation for the real world – (See *Top 20 reasons why Dads are important below*)

Throughout scripture the importance of a father's presence in his children's lives just keeps coming up. It should reflect something of the Father heart of God for His children. In gently teaching and correcting us, God sets a foundation for parenting and we would do well to hold on to His word.

'Hear, O sons, a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight, for I give you good precepts; do not forsake my teaching. When I was a son with my father, tender, the only one in the sight of my mother, he taught me and said to me, "Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live. Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth'

Prov 4: 1-9

"The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him."

Proverbs 23:24

