Father’s Day

Intro: The first Father’s Day was in Spokane, Washington, on June 19, 1910. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the third Sunday in June as a day in which we give honor to fathers. The Scriptures give the principle of honoring our parents; Exo. 20:12 “12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.” Deu. 5:16 “16 Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.” Eph. 6:2 “2 Honour thy father and mother: (which is the first commandment with promise;)” Christ condemned the Pharisees for setting aside the command of God; Mat. 15:3-8 “3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? 4 For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. 5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; 6 And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. 7 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, 8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.” This morning let us look at fathers.

I. The Father Is The Head Of The Home.
   A. They have this by right.
      1. By right of creation.
         a. Gen. 1-2
         b. 1 Cor. 11:2, 8-9 “2 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.... 8 For the man is not of the woman; but the woman for the man.”
         c. 1 Tim. 2:13 “13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.”
      2. By right because the woman was deceived.
         a. Gen. 3:6 “6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”
         b. 1 Tim. 2:14 “14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.”
   B. Thus, man has dominion, authority, and rule in the home.
      1. Every organization on earth must have some rule, authority, or dominion exercised or it cannot function as an organization.
      2. This is true in the home as well.
         a. Man has been given that headship.
         b. This does not mean that the woman is inferior.
         c. However, man cannot be a cruel dictator.
   C. The home is to operate with a loving man (loving God, his wife, and his children) guiding his home and a loving family delighting in his leadership.
      1. Eph. 5:25, 28-29 “25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;... 28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth
himself. "For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:"

2. Gen. 18:19 "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the L ORD, to do justice and judgment; that the L ORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him."
   a. Abraham had this type of loving relationship.
   b. 1 Pet. 3:6 "Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement."

II. THE FATHER IS TO TRAIN HIS CHILDREN.
   A. The Scriptures give this charge specifically to fathers.
      1. Eph. 6:4 "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."
      2. Pro. 19:18 "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying."
      3. Pro. 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."
      4. We do not find God charging mother's expressly as He does fathers in this area.
         a. Yet, they have a major influence in their children's raising.
         b. 2 Tim. 1:5 "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also."

   B. Yet, too often man has passed off this responsibility to the wife.
      1. The responsibility cannot be passed off to the wife.
      2. Nor can the responsibility be passed off to the church, government, schools, etc.
      3. We cannot blame society if our children go wrong.
      4. The responsibility lies with the father of the family (yet, as children grow, they are responsible for their own choices).

   C. The greatest way to train his children is being the proper example to them.

III. THE FATHER IS TO PROVIDE FOR HIS FAMILY.
   A. 1 Tim. 5:8 "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

   B. We are not to squander the money we make.

Conclusion: The way for children to honor parents is to obey them; Pro. 23:22 "Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old." Eph. 6:1 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right." Col. 3:20 "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord."