

On the third Sunday of June, we are given the opportunity to reflect on the many blessings of our fathers. We buy cards, neckties, and golf balls to show our appreciation to those who worked so hard to raise us, train us, and provide for us.

We are especially thankful for faithful Christian fathers who took seriously the Lord's call to ". . . bring [their children] up in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). In addition to making sure their children have food, clothing, and shelter, these faithful fathers made sure they heard the Word of God. They brought their children to Sunday school and church services. They led family devotions and prayers. They taught their children about Jesus.

Father's Day is also an opportunity for fathers to give thanks to God for their children. While children are the joy of most fathers, there can be no greater joy for a father than to see his children following the Lord Jesus. "Whoever loves wisdom makes his father rejoice" (Proverbs 29:3).

Fathers may find another emotion that affects us on Father's Day - guilt. Guilt for times we did not give our fathers the love and respect that God commanded. Guilt for the hard times we gave Dad. Maybe it's guilt for the times we just missed the mark with our own kids.

In all times, we look to the Lord, knowing that He is the Father of us and our children. We relax, knowing that God has it all under control.

Dads, take this time to celebrate the joys of the greatest blessings in your life.

June 19, 2016  
Pastor Larry Kennedy



### Father's Day 2016

1. Deuteronomy 6:6-9

---

---

2. Psalm 127:3-5

---

---

3. Ephesians 6:4

---

---

Personal notes:

---

---

---

---

---

---

