

“Fathers”

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As fathers we get exasperated when our children do not listen to our instruction and advice. We have lived a long time and have many experiences in life. But unfortunately, youth does not always listen or value our experiences of many years. This has been an age old problem. The question is: “What will our children do with the heritage we leave behind for them?” Our estates, treasures we have saved through the years, as well as wisdom and experience we try to share with dear ones we love, but will leave behind some day. This has been the dilemma of many a parent throughout the generations of families since creation.

The wisest and richest father in his generation had the same issues. King Solomon asked God for wisdom guiding his rule over the large kingdom. God not only granted him wisdom unsurpassed by anyone of his generation, but also made him the richest man in the world.

Solomon experienced a 40 year reign over a united kingdom with absolute peace. There were no wars he needed to fight. So what did Solomon do with all the money and time on his hands?

He accumulated great treasures and built great buildings unsurpassed by kings before and after his reign. Ecclesiastes chapter 2 lists some of his handiwork as the richest and wisest king of all time with lots of time on his hands: The finest entertainment and pleasures money could buy, the finest wines known to the world, houses, gardens, fruits of all kinds, exotic trees, pools, servants and maids, herds of cattle, horses, silver, gold, exotic treasures, musical instruments, the best male and female singers, and many wives in his harem (1,000 in total).

Then he looked and reflected on all he had accumulated and built in his opulent lifetime with his unlimited money and influence. It all appeared to be emptiness and vexation of spirit. There was no satisfaction in any of his wealth and completed projects –Ecclesiastes 2:11. Imagine that! What could cause his lack of contentment? The richest and wisest man in the world would have the same end as a poor fool; they both would some day die. His sad conclusion: *“Therefore I hated life...and hated all my labor under the sun because I should leave it to the man who would come after me”* –Eccles. 2:17-18. *“And who knows if he will be a wise man or a fool?”* –Eccles. 2:19.

So the man who had more wine, women and wealth than anyone before him or after him, with plenty of time on his hands to enjoy it, could not enjoy it! In fact it brought the richest and wisest man in the world nothing

but misery. This writer believes that Solomon was looking at the son who would one day occupy his throne. Unfortunately, he could not see any redeeming qualities in his son, Rehoboam. In fact, Rehoboam would cause a division of the kingdom in the very beginning of his reign –1 Kings 12. So Solomon’s concern over his son’s succession of the kingdom would be a major problem. As he became king he would behave as a fool even with Solomon’s stellar royal reputation behind him.

Solomon’s observations of reality was that that rich or poor, wise or fool, we fathers all should know the sad truth, that we cannot guarantee what may happen to the generation coming after us. We can instruct our children in the right path, but we must allow them enough freedom to make their own way as well. In reality, our children are responsible to follow the righteous path we lay for them. Solomon failed to do this in old age, leaving a poor example for his son –1 Kings 11:4-6. He should have followed his own words: *“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments; for this is the whole duty of man”* –Eccles. 12:13.

The life of and example of Solomon should teach fathers several truths:

First, ask God to give us *enjoyment* of fruits of our labor on earth.

Second, we *cannot* count on the next generation to carry on our business.

Third, fathers need to spend *quality time* imparting values with children.

Fourth, *not give* children great quantities to squander upon our passing.

Finally, most important, *give generously* in the *present* life to godly causes that will promote the gospel message while we can. Change the landscape of eternity, not this planet God will one day destroy with fire –2 Peter 3:10-13.

Do your giving while you’re living; then you’re knowing where it’s going.



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Father’s Day

Dads come in all sizes; some big and some small. No matter the size, a good dad always stands tall.

He’s a man his family will always be proud of. He is a mender of toys, a leader of boys. He’s a changer of fuses; a healer of bruises. He’s a mover of couches; a soother of ouches.

He’s a pounder of nails; a teller of tales.

He’s a dryer of dishes, a fulfiller of wishes. Bless him O Lord. He is doing his best. He looks to God for guidance and with His help can do any task.

He’s unique; there’s no one quite like him, he’s the dad we look up to. We honor our dad on Father’s Day.



Fudge Brownies

(13X 9 Pan Size)

- 1 Pkg. Fudge Brownie Mix
- 1 Cup Confectioners’ Sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup Butter, softened
- 2-3 Tblsp. Peanut Butter
- 2 Tblsp. Cold 2% Milk
- 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. Instant Vanilla Pudding Mix
- 1 Can (16 oz.) Chocolate Fudge Frosting

Prepare and bake Brownies according to package directions. Cool on a wire Rack.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, beat the Sugar, Butter, Peanut Butter, Milk and Pudding Mix until smooth. Spread over Brownies. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes or until firm. Frost with Chocolate Fudge Frosting just before cutting. Yield 2 dozen



Want a Sparkling Clean Mirror? Your bathroom mirror will not fog up if you clean it with canned shaving cream. and it will be streak clean.

Make Furniture look Clean Again? Need to repair a scratch or blemish on varnished furniture? Rub the area with cooking oil and a soft cloth.

To Repair Wood Stained Furniture - rub the area with a pecan nut. The oil of the nut will re-stain the wood. For water stains, rub mayonnaise on the spot and let it sit overnight. Wipe off in the morning and the finish will be restored.

Homemade Carpet Cleaner –Mix Baking Soda with ground Cinnamon or cloves. Sprinkle the mixture onto the carpet, wait 15 minutes, then vacuum. The room will be filled with a comforting and cozy aroma. Test a small area for color fastness.

Reattach Loose Knobs. When putting loose knobs back on drawers, dip the screws in clear fingernail polish or shellac before resetting them. This will help the knobs stay tight much longer.

Don't let your hard earned life-savings go into a probate bureaucracy! NOT PLANNING is a plan, but it is NOT a very good plan!

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*“Why are you anxious about clothing?
Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they
do not toil and do not spin. Even Solomon in
all his glory did not clothe himself like one of
these.” –Matthew 6:28-29*

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Rev. David J. Bauer's BRM Itinerary



June 26-27 Grace Conference BRM Display
Lake Zurich, IL

When not preaching, Rev. David Bauer will be
visiting supporting churches this month.

BRM Interims and Associates Engaged in Ministry:

- >Rev. Steve Barack, BRM Associate – Awaiting the next BRM assignment. Ready to go!
- >Dr. Al Carson, Sr. BRM Associate – Sr. Pastor of Edwards Corners Bible Church, Marcellus, MI
- >Dr. Joe Stewart, BRM Associate – Sr. Pastor of Grace Bible Church, Dallas City, IL
- >Rev. Darwyn Hassert, BRM Associate - Smyrna Bible Church (and vicinity), MI, preaches and assists as needed in nearby areas
- >Rev. Don Zimmerman, Interim Pastor of Western Springs Baptist Church, IL
- >Rev. Jim Vyleta, Interim Pastor West Madison Bible Church, Verona (Madison), WI

Lighter Side: Bathtub Test

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, “How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in a Long-Term Care Home?”
“Well,” he said, “we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub.”
“Oh, I understand,” I said. “A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup.”
“No,” he said. “A normal person would pull the plug.”
“Do you want a bed near the window?”

“The older you get, the harder it is to lose weight because by that time your body and your fat are really good friends.”

BRM Field Report #6

Our team took part in an ordination of a pastor at Summit Bible Church this last month. Pastor Juan Gil, newly affirmed by his congregation, requested to be prepared for ordination. An associate was assigned to get him ready. With that accomplished, three of us questioned Pastor Gil for two hours. Finally, he faced an Ordination Council of mostly pastors in the Northern Illinois area. He passed a three hour examination with flying colors!

On Sunday, May 18, the elders and several local pastors had the pleasant job of participating in an ordination/installation service in Summit, honoring the new pastor. Rev. Mike Maticcik, Juan's home pastor from Hammond, Indiana preached a challenging message. Leaders prayed over the new pastor and his wife, Sophia. Finally Pastor Gil was presented with the Ordination Certificate, Council members had signed after the exam.

But we all know that a formal ordination does not necessarily make a good pastor. Many pastors have never been ordained by men. Neither were apostles or prophets of old. However, if God has called a man to ministry, that person will do well if he is obedient to the call. Only God can ordain and commission; that one matters! Jeremiah 1:4-9.

Rev. Ron Kooyman, even after retiring from church pastorate, meets young people in neighborhoods of Chicago and Joliet, striking up conversations and pointing them towards Christ as Savior. Ron's latest newsletter told of a discouraged young man he talked with at Starved Rock Park. Being sensitive to God's calling, Ron was able to present him with the gospel and its saving power. He was sensitive to God's leading and available too!

We received a welcome report from Iron River Bible Church on the Michigan Peninsula that all is well and the church is growing. New pastor, Kurt and Lori Schroder are making friends with the neighbors and church attendance has been good with some new folks coming as well.

Sincerely,

Rev. David J. Bauer -Jeremiah 33:3