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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "WHAT A FATHER IS"

PM - SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

**GOSPEL MEETING AT BRILLIANT JUNE 16-20**

**VBS AT BLACKWATER JUNE 16-20**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

June 21: Ricky Pope

# THE WEST WALKER WELCOMER

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

### **SUNDAY EVENING 5:00**

### **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00**

### **ELDERS:**

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### **WHAT A FATHER IS (Genesis 18:17-19)**

I. A father is a man of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Fathers are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the households and, as such, must be men who have a deep faith in God.
- B. We are \_\_\_\_\_ of faithfulness to our children.
- C. Our children need to know that our faith in God \_\_\_\_\_ us in all that we do.

**II. A father is a man who is \_\_\_\_\_ to his family's needs.**

- A. Fathers need to know what is going on in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. I have heard that the average father spends \_\_\_\_\_ minutes a day talking to his children.
- C. A father needs to know if something is \_\_\_\_\_ in the life of one his children so that he can give godly advice on how things can be made right.

**III. A father is a man who \_\_\_\_\_ his children properly.**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ 6:4; \_\_\_\_\_ 22:6.
  1. The phrase "way that he should go" literally means "the way he is \_\_\_\_\_."
  2. This \_\_\_\_\_ teach that if you teach a child the way of God he will never depart from it.
- B. We need fathers to train their children to \_\_\_\_\_ God, His Son and the Lord's church.
- C. Long ago, \_\_\_\_\_ made a great request of God...(Judges 13:8).

**IV. A father is a man who is \_\_\_\_\_ focused.**

- A. It must come \_\_\_\_\_ in your life.
- B. When \_\_\_\_\_ heaven is first and foremost in our lives as fathers, our children will see that and learn from it.
- C. If we want our children to be \_\_\_\_\_ on heaven, it has to be our focus.

**V. A father is a man who is \_\_\_\_\_ about serving God.**

- A. Do our children see us \_\_\_\_\_ about working in the church?
- B. They see us \_\_\_\_\_ at ball games but do they see us excited about serving God?
- C. Do they see us excited when someone \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel?

**VI. A father is a man who \_\_\_\_\_ the reward.**

- A. When we as fathers lie on our deathbeds, will we look back knowing we did the \_\_\_\_\_ we could for our families?
- B. You see, a godly man who fulfills his role as a father will know that \_\_\_\_\_ is his reward.

**A CHRISTIAN FATHER**  
**Toney L. Smith**

What will a Christian father do?

1. Put the kingdom of God first in his life and teach the same to his family (Matthew 6:33).
2. Teach his children to love, respect, and obey their parents (Ephesians 6:1-2).
3. Be a loving and considerate father and husband (Ephesians 6:4).
4. Provide both the physical and spiritual things for his family (Joshua 24:15).
5. Be honest with all, in all his dealings (Romans 12:17).
6. Set aside the first day of every week for his family to worship together (Hebrews 10:25).
7. Rule his household with great love, kindness and care (Ephesians 5:31-33).
8. Never speak or act in a manner that is unbecoming to a Christian father (Proverbs 15:1).
9. Be big enough to love and respect every family member (Matthew 7:12).

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## **FATHERHOOD IN THE BIBLE**

### **Author Unknown**

The sacred Scripture tell us that we find in God qualities that we associate with both fathers and mothers: "For thus says the Lord ... as a mother comforts her child so I will comfort you" (Isaiah 66:12, 13). And, "... as a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion" (Psalm 103:13).

We also learn what He expects of us:

1. A father has compassion — "While he (the prodigal son) was yet at a distance his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him" (Luke 15:20).
2. A father disciplines gently — "...ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).
3. A father nurtures his children — "What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent;" (Luke 11:11, RSV).
4. A father teaches by example — "My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways" (Proverbs 23:26).
5. A father reaches out to others — "I was a father to the needy: And the cause of him that I knew not I searched out" (Job 29:16).