

# FATHER'S DAY: How to Make Your Father's Day

EPHESIANS 6:1-4

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## *Grace Empowers us to Make Our Father's Day*

1. Adopt Biblical **Convictions** (1).

2. Grasp Practical **Motivations** (2-3).

3. Practice Tactical **Provocation** (4).

## ***Ephesians 6:1-4***

*Children, obey your  
parents in the Lord, for this  
is right.*

*<sup>2</sup>"Honor your father and  
mother" (this is the first  
commandment with a  
promise), <sup>3</sup>"that it may go  
well with you and that you  
may live long in the land."*

*<sup>4</sup>Fathers, do not provoke  
your children to anger, but  
bring them up in the  
discipline and instruction of  
the Lord.*

*(ESV).*

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## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

*These questions are for further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help your fight for life change. One of the best ways to grow in the body is discussing the answers to these questions in a small group. Find one here: <https://www.centralchurch.com/groups>*

1. American culture and a corrupted heart have led us to a rejection of all authority. However, within God's ordained authority, God means for "good things to run wild!" How do we see authority as a means of God's grace to us? How can holding this perspective help us live in obedience to our earthly fathers?
2. The obedience of Children is commanded in this passage. However, authority can be abused. When should a wife, child, or employee not obey the command of authority? Can you justify your view by providing scripture?
3. Obedience has a time limit defined by the word "children." Honor has no time limit. Many adults have left the home and do not consider their father or mother "worthy of honor." How do we give honor to someone undeserving of honor? Have you ever had to do this?
4. How important is the father's role in discipleship? How could you graciously encourage a father who neglects his role? How will you minister seek to minister to a young man or woman who does not have a father?

### **Quote for the Week. . .**

**by R. Kent Hughes**



*"Some fathers exasperate their children by being overly strict and controlling. They need to remember that rearing children is like holding a wet bar of soap – too firm a grasp and it shoots from your hand, too loose a grip and it slides away. A gentle but firm hold keeps you in control... We ought to begin our fatherhood by holding the tiny helpless bar snugly, but as it grows, gradually and wisely loosen our grip."*

**R. Kent Hughes, *Disciplines of a Godly Man*, Crossway Books, 1991, p. 48-49.**