

The Example of a Father

Today is Fathers Day the day we set aside to honor our fathers. How many fathers do we have here today? Let's give all these guys a round of applause. It isn't easy to be a father. Men have a lot of pressure upon them and sometimes that pressure works against being the father we all would like to be. Our society doesn't make it any easier to be a father either. One thing we are about here at our church is working to give men the kind of guidance they need to be the father they want to be and need to be.

Paul wrote a strong word of admonition to fathers in Ephesians 6:4. He said, "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." Men we are tasked with being the example of godliness in our homes to our wives and to our children. It is a huge responsibility and one that should not be taken lightly.

As we approach our offering I want to ask you what kind of example are you to your family when it comes to faithfully giving? One thing you learn very quickly as a parent is how your kids learn more by what you do than what you say. What are your spending habits teaching your kids? If your kids never see you put anything in the offering plate or at best a dollar or two, what are you teaching them? In your role of training and instructing you children have you even considered teaching them about giving? What better way to learn giving than through your example.

This morning as our ushers come forward I want to challenge the men of this church to lead by example. Give a gift today that will honor the Lord. Beyond today's offering may we men be the leaders in teaching the importance of giving. Let's start today by leading with an example of faithful giving.