

"The Right Kind of Father." Mark 9:17

1-The celebration of Mother's Day has become almost a universal custom.

- 1-The second Sunday in May we have great crowds.
- 2-Everybody wears a flower for his mother.
- 3-Deserved tributes of praise and honor are paid to living mothers.
- 4-Grateful memories are cherished of those who have gone on to their reward.

2-Father's Day has never been much of a success.

- 1-One preacher said this is because there are not enough songs about fathers. *Father's Day is just like mother's day. The gifts just don't cost so much.*
- 2-One song:

Everybody works but father: he sits around all day.

1-Just little boys arguing whether there is a devil

3-Why the failure of this day? Whatever the reason, it is not right.

1-There are just as many great fathers in the Bible as there are great mothers.

- 1-Abraham and his great love for Isaac.
- 2-Jacob and his sons. His devotion to Joseph and Benjamin.
- 3-David's brokenhearted cry at the death of his son Absalom, his wayward son.
- 4-Samuel and Eli were good men;
 - 1-They did not do their duty by their sons.
 - 2-Their records of failure left in the Bible for a warning to all fathers.

4-So our subject is, "The Right Kind of Father."

This kind of father is measured by three characteristics:

1-The first test is the father's **EXAMPLE.**

1-He must be, first of all, the right kind of man

1-Under special obligations to be:

Godly; True; Honorable and clean. as an example for his children.

2-Man is made in the image of God. What do the children think of manhood and God? That must depend upon what kind of father they have.

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2-The second test of the right kind of father is the interest he takes in his home and his children.

1-The father who had a nasty temper, said harsh, cross things and abused his wife one morning and flung out of the house. The little boy said,

"Mother, we made an awful mistake when we married father, didn't we?"

2-Under God, the father must teach his children to respect authority.

Proverbs 19:18;

Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.

Eph. 6:4;

Fathers provoke not your children to wrath; but train them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord.
Deuteronomy 6:6-9;

And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt;

1-Teach them diligently to thy children.
2-Shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house.

3-Talk of them when thou walkest by the way and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

4-Thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand. eyes.

5-They shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.
6-Thou shalt write them upon the posts of thine house, and on thy gates.

3-God gave to fathers first the task of training their children in the Word, if they fail as they often do, the mother must take up the task.

3-Finally the right kind of father is measured by how he meets his responsibility for his children's destiny.

1-How will the children turn out? What will be their destiny? That is your responsibility.

● *It cannot be turned over to the church, or Sunday school teacher "master I have brought unto thee my son."*

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