



THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH

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Father's Day

FATHERS IN THE LORD

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: *Ephesians 6:1-4*

GOSPEL TRUTH:

It is the duty of fathers in the Lord to raise their children in the wisdom, knowledge and admonition of the Lord. *Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6).*

GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4).

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:

1. Our prayer of blessing for an infant or child reads in part: *“Lord, cause this child to grow up in the discipline and admonition of the Lord. Grant this child wisdom, knowledge, grace, strength, and health, that this child may be a witness for thee all the days of his/her life.”* This should be the desire of every parent's heart.
2. This prayer must be supported by effort and works on the part of the father. It is the responsibility and obligation of the father to teach the child by consistently bringing them to church and to Sunday School so that they may learn the ways of the Lord and grow in grace, wisdom, knowledge and understanding of God's Word, will and way. The *Word of God* must be planted in their hearts (*Deuteronomy 6:7*).
3. A child will learn by the example set by the father who rules well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity (*I Timothy 3:4*).
4. It is a father's duty to provide for his children (*II Corinthians 12:14*).

5. A father must rule with patience, love, and grace. *Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged (Colossians 3:21).*
6. *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord (Colossians 3:16).*

BACKGROUND SETTING:

The *Word of God* commands children to, *“Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee” (Exodus 20:12)*. This portion of the Ten Commandments given by God to Moses is a commandment with promise. The child brought up in the *Word of God* has learned the difference between good and evil, as well as right and wrong. *“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it (Matthew 7:13-14).*

LESSON SUMMARY:

While no father or mother knows the future of a little child, God knows. A father who fulfills his duty of training a child in the way of the Lord; being a good Christian example; providing their needs; and, giving instruction and correction in God's love is a powerful motivating influence upon a child's life. Fulfillment of parental duties in love will surely provide a father with deserved honor and the joy of having an obedient child.

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