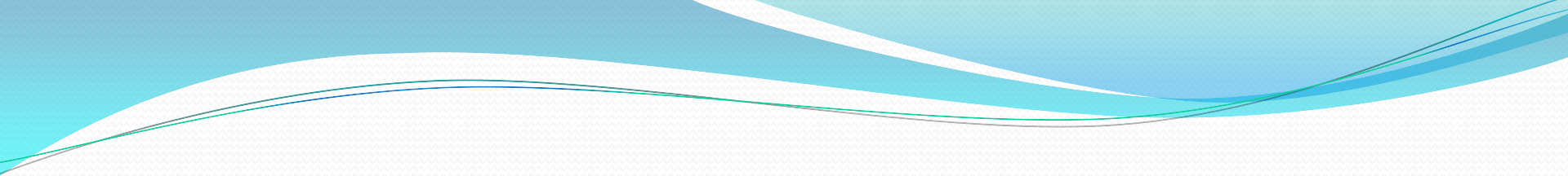


“Daddy, I’m Looking At You!”
Ephesians 6:1-4

Common Ordinary Things We Do Have a Tremendous Impact

- Going to work 5 days a week(or more)
- Coming home every night
- Coming home sober every night (no slurred speech and violent drama)
- Bringing the paycheck home to support the family
- Being faithful to your wife (not frequenting other women in town, thus messing with your child's head on the definition of "a real man")
- Being a provider and protector (neither adult nor child misbehaved at my house growing up)

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- Playing catch with a football, baseball, etc.
 - Cutting a watermelon on Sunday night after evening service
 - Saying no to me when he knew something was not good for me and I thought it was
 - Saying yes to me when he was proud of me

***ALL OF THESE ARE SIMPLE, YET PROFOUND,
DEEDS THAT CAN INFLUENCE A CHILD FOR LIFE!***

Our Model Fathers In The Bible Did Things Any Father Can Do!

#1 Noah(Genesis 6:6-10)

“And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

So the Lord said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping things and birds of the air,.....



...for I am sorry that I have made them.”

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

*This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man,
perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.
And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham
and Japheth.”*

- When the world was falling apart, one man still went about his life in a way that made heaven take note
- Here is a father who was not wicked when the Bible says that every one around him was
- This father dared to be different from his associates rather than water down his conduct and follow the crowd
- And because God saw a redeeming quality in this man, He thought “***All of mankind is not bad!***” He could still have the human race like He wanted if He worked through this man!

This Father's Integrity Spared his Family the Judgment of God! (Mrs. Noah and the boys)

#2 Job (Job 1:1-6)

“There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil. And seven sons and three daughters were born to him. Also his possessions were seven thousand sheep, three thousands camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys and a very large household....



“...so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the East.

And his sons would go and feast in their houses, each on his appointed day, and would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them.....

“....So it was, when the days of feasting had run their course, that Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, “It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts”

Thus Job did regularly.

- Fathers, Job got God's attention, not because he was the richest man around, but because he was blameless and as a father, he prayed for his children faithfully
- Job prayed for his children, *just in case they had sinned*
- He didn't wait until a teacher or neighbor reported them for doing wrong, or whether the children thought they needed God or not
- There is not a Father in this audience that can't adopt this intercessory habit for the souls of his own family
(John 9:31)

Fathers What Do We Pray For About Our Families?

- Our Wives (their physical and spiritual strengths, their patience, usefulness in God's kingdom)
- Our Children (their test, their games, their dates their babies, their Jobs, their weddings, their choices, their usefulness in God's kingdom)
- Fathers, our children will never grow out of a need for our prayers. Remember Job's children **were grown and on their own**, but still in need of their father's praying relationship with God
- Our church family (growth, strength, protection, future)

The Plan Of Salvation

Hear the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Believe the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Repent of Sins

Acts 17:30

Confess Christ

Acts 8:37

Be Baptized

Acts 8:38