THE HEART OF A GODLY FATHER

Text: Ephesians 6:1-4

Introduction:
1. Today is a day for honoring our fathers.
2. The heart of a Godly father seeks the greatest interest of the child.

Proposition: The heart of a Godly father is truly blessed.
Interrogative: What are the characteristics of this blessed heart?

-- The heart of a Godly father desires… --

I. TO IMPART WISDOM

A. THROUGH INSTRUCTION

B. THROUGH CORRECTION
   1. Love seeks to correct the child -Pr 13:24, 19:18, 22:17
   2. Consider the alternative -Ex 32:21
   3. Our heavenly Father -He 12:5-ff.

II. CHILDREN TO FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLE

A. THEIR EXAMPLE OF FAITH
   1. Abraham -He 11:8-10, 13, 17-19
   2. Fathers today keep faith during tough times

B. THEIR EXAMPLE OF PURITY
   1. Paul encouraged Timothy to be -2Ti 4:12
   2. Greatest lesson we can teach is our example

III. THEIR CHILDREN'S WELL-BEING

A. PHYSICALLY
   1. They provide for their physical needs -Mt 7:7-11
   2. Those who came to Jesus - Mk 5:23, 9:24, Jn 4:49
   3. David on behalf of his son -2Sa 12:18-23

B. SPIRITUALLY
   1. David on behalf of Solomon -1Ch 22:12, 29:19
   2. Job for his children -Job 1:5
   3. The father of the prodigal -Lk 15:11-32

Conclusion:
1. One of the great desires of a father is for their children to be pleasing unto our heavenly Father.
2. We accomplish this by giving instruction and setting the proper example.