

## 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

1. Fathers train their children -Ep 6:4, Pr 22:6
2. Pass on spiritual information  
-Ex 13:8-ff, De 4:9, 6:6-9, 11:19-20, 31:12-13

#### 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.