



## Father's Day

Ephesians 1:3 (NIV®)

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Ephesians 4:6 (NIV®)

<sup>6</sup> ...one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

### I. Lessons My Father Taught . . .

#### A. Fear God and Trust Him for Big Things

Job 28:28 (NIV®)

<sup>28</sup> "And he said to man, 'The fear of the Lord--that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.'"

#### B. Work Comes Before Reward

1 Corinthians 4:12 (NIV®)

<sup>12</sup> We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it...

Romans 16:12 (NIV®)

<sup>12</sup> Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, those women who work hard in the Lord. Greet my dear friend Persis, another woman who has worked very hard in the Lord.

Revelation 2:2 (NIV®)

<sup>2</sup> I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false.

#### C. The Significance of Integrity

Psalms 15:1-2 (NASB®)

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill? <sup>2</sup> He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, And speaks truth in his heart.

#### D. Value the Things of God

Matthew 22:37-38 (NIV®)

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'" <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment."

#### E. Respect My Mother

Ephesians 6:2-3 (NIV®)

<sup>2</sup> "Honor your father and mother"--which is the first commandment with a promise-- <sup>3</sup> "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

Romans 13:7 (NIV®)

<sup>7</sup> Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

## F. People Are Important

2 Samuel 23:16-17 (NIV®)

<sup>16</sup> So the three mighty men broke through the Philistine lines, drew water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem and carried it back to David. But he refused to drink it; instead, he poured it out before the LORD. <sup>17</sup> "Far be it from me, O LORD, to do this!" he said. **"Is it not the blood of men who went at the risk of their lives?"** And David would not drink it. Such were the exploits of the three mighty men.

## G. Discipline & Responsibility

1 Peter 5:6 (NASB®)

<sup>6</sup> Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time...

Exodus 32:24 (NIV®)

<sup>24</sup> "So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.' Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!"

## H. Be Generous

Proverbs 11:25 (NIV®)

<sup>25</sup> A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

Luke 21:1-4 (NIV®)

<sup>1</sup> As he looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. <sup>2</sup> He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. <sup>3</sup> "I tell you the truth," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. <sup>4</sup> All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

## I. Taught Me to Be Positive

Psalms 71:14 (NIV®)

<sup>14</sup> But as for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more.

## J. Taught Me to Grow

1 Peter 2:2-3 (NIV®)

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

<sup>3</sup> now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Ephesians 4:15 (NIV®)

... we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

**PRAYER:** Heavenly Father,

You created me and have given me life. You sustain me in all things. Open my heart that I may know You better. My desire is to be pleasing in Your sight, to use my strength for Your purposes. Your provision for my life is complete. I stand in your strength--through Your grace and mercy.

You are worthy of all glory, honor and praise, amen.