# Happy Father's Day



"Father of the fatherless, defender of widows, this is God whose dwelling is holy, He places the lonely in families...." (Ps 68:5)





#### **Colossians 3: 17, 19-21 (NLT)**

17 Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.... <sup>19</sup> Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly. <sup>20</sup> Children, always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not aggravate your children, or they will become discouraged.



#### **DON'T QUIT...**

LOVING THEIR MOMS

2.

LOVING GOD

3.

**GROWING WITH YOUR KIDS** 

## 1. DON'T QUIT LOVING THEIR MOMS



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#### How Do We Love Our Kids Most? By Loving Their Moms!





#### Lessons from the past....



When you love their moms, you earn the respect of your kids and the right to speak into their lives.

Why?

Because you are treasuring their greatest earthly treasure

## How "beautiful" have our wives become? That's how great a dad we are!



#### **Ephesians 5:25-27**

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, .... <sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to himself in splendour, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

## 2. DON'T QUIT LOVING GOD



#### Colossians 3:17

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#### What are the greatest purposes for Christian parents?

"I want my children to grow up loving God.... because of me!"

"I want my children to grow up fulfilling their God given destinies because of me!"

### Fathers. It is your job and calling to bring your children to love God, not your wife's.

#### Ephesians 6:4

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up in the discipline & instruction that comes from the Lord.



If both mother and father are regular church goers 33% children will eventually be regular.

If only mother is regular, 3% of the children will eventually be regular.



If only the father is regular, an incredible 38-44% will still eventually be regular!



Why is that so?
Impression and Impact of a godly father is immeasurable

First when they see you love God...

Secondly when they hear you love God...





## There is therefore no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus..." Romans 8:1

# 3. DON'T QUIT GROWING WITH YOUR KIDS



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Dads,
GROW WITH YOUR
KIDS-

**5 Stages** 



#### Grow in fathering the five stages in your kids' lives:

Play with them
Pray with them
Pilot them
Persuade them
Partner with them

A mum introduces a child to the world, A dad introduces the world to the child A mum personifies care, A dad personifies <u>responsibility</u> A mum protects you from a fall, A dad teaches you to get up from the fall A mum teaches you from her experiences,

A dad teaches you from your experiences

A mum reflects idealism,

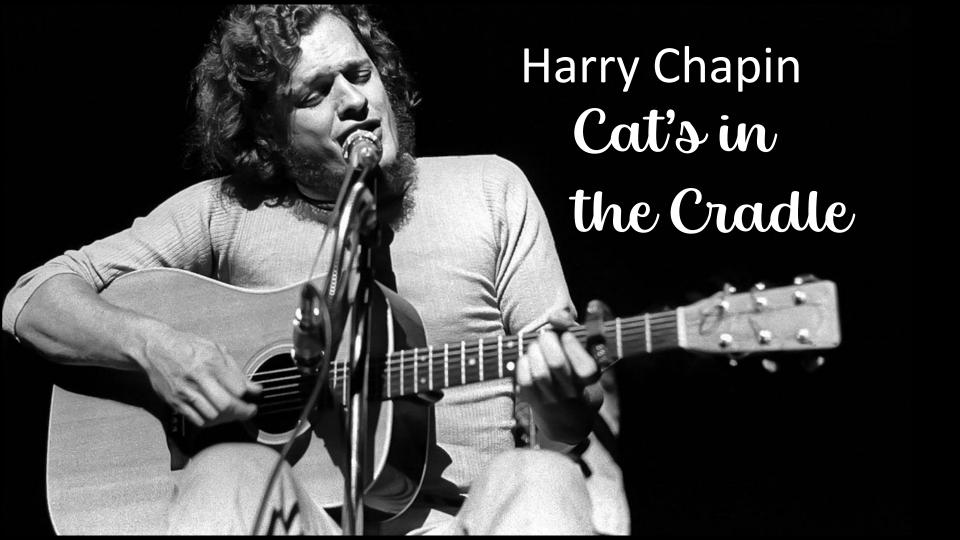
A dad reflects reality

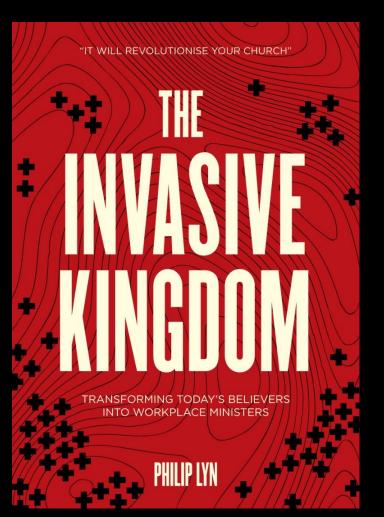
A mum's love is known to you from birth,

A dad's love is known to you when you become a dad

## What One Commodity is needed to Grow with your Kids?







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