

II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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MY DAD CAN...

- 4 years: "My daddy can do anything!"
- 7 years: "My dad knows a lot—a whole lot."
- 8 years: "My father doesn't know quite everything."
- 12 years: "Oh, well, naturally, Father doesn't know that either."
- 14 years: "Oh, Father! He is hopelessly old-fashioned."
- 21 years: "Oh, that man—he's out of date!"
- 25 years: "He knows a little bit about it, but not much."
- 33 years: "I must find out what Dad thinks about it."
- 35 years: "Before we decide, we will get Dad's idea first."
- 50 years: "What would Dad have thought about that?"
- 60 years: "My dad knew literally everything!"
- 65 years: "I wish I could talk it over with Dad once more."

WE SALUTE DAD ON HIS DAY

A Piece of Clay

I took a piece of plastic clay
And idly fashioned it one day,
And as my fingers pressed it still,
It moved and yielded to my will.

I came again when days were past—
The bit of clay was hard at last;
The form I gave it, it still bore,
But I could change that form no more.

I took a piece of living clay,
And gently formed it day by day,
And molded it with power and art,
A young boy's soft and yielding heart.

I came again when years were gone;
It was a man I looked upon;
He still the early impress wore,
And I could change him never more.

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY **JUNE**
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As The Twig Is Bent

A little girl with shining eyes,
Her little face aglow,
Said "Father, it is almost time
For Sunday School, let's go;
They teach us there of Jesus' love
Of how He died for all
Upon the cruel cross, to save
All those who on HIM call"
"Oh, no" said Father, "not today,
I've worked hard all this week,
And I must have one day of rest,
I'm going to the creek;
For there I can relax and rest
And fishing's fine, they say,
So—run along, don't bother me—
We'll go to church some day."
Months and years have passed away,
But Father hears that plea no more;
"Let's go to Sunday School."
Those childhood days are o'er;
And now that Father's growing old
When life is almost through,
He finds the time to go to church,
But what does his daughter do?
She says, "Oh, Father, not today—
I stayed up most all night,
I've got to have some sleep—
Besides, I look a fright."
Then Father lifts a trembling hand
to brush away his tears,
As again he hears the pleading voice
Distinctly through the years;
He sees the small girl's shining face
Upturned, with eyes aglow,
As she says, "It's time for Sunday School,
Please, Father, won't you go?"

—Selected



Take Heed

Spurgeon said, "A child of five, if properly instructed, can believe and become regenerated like an adult."

"I have usually found a clearer knowledge of the Gospel and a warmer love toward Christ in a converted child than in the adult convert. I have sometimes met with a deeper spiritual experience in a child of ten or twelve than in some persons fifty or sixty. I have known children who wept themselves to sleep under a crushing sense of sin."

Jesus warned, "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones" (Matt. 18:10).
The Circuit Rider.

Dear Daddy:

When I'm a great big man like you,
I want to do just like you do;
I's goin' to go just where you go,
I want to know all that you know;
I's just a growing awful big,
And walking in the tracks you dig;
I think it won't be very long,
I's growin' fast, and getting strong,
And soon I'll go to town with you
And be your partner all day through;
I'm just a little, great big man,
A' gettin' like you fast's I can.

Dear Son:

I'm glad you want like me to be,
Yet, I must change some things
I see;
If you will do just what I do,
And follow me the whole length
through,
Then I will pray for strength and
power,
To walk the Christ's life every
hour,
And leave tracks all along my way,
Which lead to joy and endless day.

—Dr. R. E. Neighbour

Daddy's Girl

Little girls never grow up in their Daddy's heart.
It's been that way from the very start.
There were Barbie dolls and shirt sleeve tugs,
Little pink dresses and great big hugs,
Then Teddy bears, and powder smells
Combing hair and fairy tales.

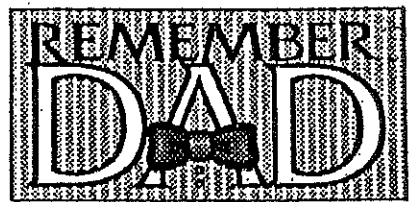
Now you're such a grown-up lass
And it's all happened much too fast.
But everything you used to be
Is still a warm sweet glow inside of me.
And at eleven you are quite tall and smart,
But you'll never grow up in your Daddy's heart.



A BOY'S QUESTIONS TO DAD

What keeps the stars from falling?
What makes the world go round?
How can flies walk on the ceiling
Just like they do on the ground?
Why doesn't it snow in summer?
Don't the fishes ever get drowned?
Did you ever see any fairies?
Who lost the knife that I found?
Where do the bees get honey?
Who finds balloons that are lost?
What makes people bald-headed?
How much do elephants cost?
What makes you tired this evening?
There's a gray hair in your head.
Wonder what makes me sleepy?
Good night; I'm going to bed.

—Exchange



"Hear, ye children,
the instruction
of a father,
and attend
to know
understanding.

(Proverbs 4:1)

Miscellaneous.

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TEN DUTIES FOR ALL DADS

1. You shall so live as to transmit to your children physical bodies strong and clean.
2. You shall be the head of your home and model it after God's law in love and justice.
3. You shall preserve the love between yourself and the mother of your children and promote love among your children.
4. You shall not teach by precept alone but by personal example.
5. You shall so intently live to please and serve God that it will inspire the same zeal in your children.
6. You shall seek to develop your child's potential to its greatest degree for the glory of God and for the eternal blessing of his fellowmen.
7. You shall provide and participate in recreational diversions and lead your family in having fun and wholesome frolic.
8. You shall be the instigator and the leader in a daily family altar. You shall conduct this time in such a manner that your children may develop a relish for God's Word and a faith in the exercise of prayer.
9. You shall set the example for going with your wife and children to all the services of the church, including Sunday school.
10. You shall make your primary objective the introduction of each child to Jesus.

Submitted by Phil Dice

What Will You Give Your Boy?

What is the gift you will give your boy?....A glamorous game, a tinsel toy,...A whittling knife, a puzzle pack,...A train that runs on a curving track? A Boy Scout book, a real live pet;...No, there's plenty of time for such as that. Give him a day for his very own...Just your boy and his Dad, alone....A walk in the woods, a game in the park....A fishing trip from dawn to dark;...Give him the gift that only you can...The companionship of his "old man." Games are outgrown and toys decay...But he'll never forget if you give him a day.