

FATHER'S DAY 2016
Matthew 1:18-25; 2:13-15; 2:19-23

What Makes A Dad?

God took the _____ of a mountain, The majesty of a tree, The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature, The _____ arm of night, The wisdom of the ages, The power
of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring, The faith of a mustard seed, The _____ of eternity, The
depth of a family need.
Then God combined these qualities, When there was nothing more to add, He knew His _____
was complete, And so, He called it ... Dad (Author Unknown)

_____:

- I. He was chosen of God to be the step-dad of His only begotten Son, Jesus
Just as much as God was interested in the woman who would birth His only begotten Son, so He was
also just as interested in the man who would be the father and _____
of the home in which His only begotten Son would grow up.
- II. He was submissive to God:
- A. In spite of what he _____ he should do
 - B. In spite of what people might _____ or think
 - C. In spite of what was the " _____ " practice of the day
 - D. No matter what the inconvenience was to _____
- III. Joseph had great love for his wife: Comfort, protection, understanding, _____, patience
- A. Even when he felt _____ by Mary
 - B. Even when he did not _____ what was going on with Mary
- IV. He had great love for his _____:
- A. Toward Jesus, even when he knew He was not his _____ Son
 - B. Even when the Jesus entering the family _____ Joseph's agenda and career
- V. He displayed _____ in the way he fulfilled his responsibilities as a father:
- A. Joseph was wise because he lived as one who _____ the time.
 - 1. By all accounts it seems that Joseph had a _____ life on earth.
 - 2. We don't read of him after Jesus' childhood, and at the Cross Jesus charged John with the care of His mother - so it seems that Joseph was taken from them prematurely.
 - B. But Joseph used what time he had been given on this earth _____ and wisely!
 - 1. He had _____ for his family.
 - 2. He has set an _____ for them that they would remember.
 - 3. He had _____ them in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord.
 - C. Jesus was not the only child Joseph had.
 - 1. He raised other boys to live for God also, and possibly daughters as well.
 - 2. He had at least two other sons who were greatly used by God.
 - a. _____ and _____
 - b. Both were leaders in Christianity and were divinely inspired to write the book of James and Jude.

D. Joseph raised his children in the ways of the Lord, and He left behind him a godly testimony

CONCLUSION:

Fathers! None of us know just how much time we have left with our children; with our families. We may only have a year, two years, five years, or even months, days, or hours. Only God knows!

ARE WE REDEEMING THE TIME AS JOSEPH DID? _____ our families at every opportunity; setting an example; providing for their needs.

I mentioned 1 TIMOTHY 5:8 Wednesday in our study- "But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

Some say, "Oh YES. I provide for my family" - when what they mean is that they put a _____ check on the table every week. But what about the OTHER provisions the family needs?

What about loving _____ and affection?

What about the _____ we are leaving for our family to follow?

Can the family _____ to us for Godly, Biblical counsel?

What about _____ and warmth? Can we laugh with them and they with us?

Do they know that we have a great deal of loving _____ for them, or are they made to feel that they are often in the way and a bother to us and our plans?

Gentlemen, we must provide for our own in more areas of life than just bringing home a paycheck. If we cannot be the Godly example that our children can and will turn to, then we need to ask God to _____ who we are and the way we are conducting our life as an earthly father.