



Dad's Image



It seems to go something like this when it comes to Dad:

At age 4: “My Daddy can do anything!” At age 7: “My Dad sure knows a lot, a whole lot!” At age 8: “My Dad doesn’t know quite everything.” At age 12: “Oh, well, naturally, my Dad doesn’t know that, either.” At age 14: “Oh Dad? He’s just out of date, he’s old-fashioned.” At age 21: “Oh, that man, he’s sure not with it.” At age 25: “Dad, well, he does know a little bit about it.” At age 35: “Before we decide what to do, we’ll talk to Dad and get his ideas first.” At age 50: “I wonder, what would Dad have thought about that?” At age 60: “My Dad knew something about literally everything!” At age 65: “I really wish I could talk it over with Dad just once more!”

And I’m for appreciating what a treasure we have in our fathers!



Many a boy or girl at 16 can't
possibly believe that someday they will
be as dumb as Dad.

*Fathers, do not exasperate your
children; instead, bring them up in the
training and instruction of the Lord
(Eph. 6:4).*



Who Is the Real Father?



Some years ago, a delightful play called “Fanny” was presented on Broadway. It was the story of a young girl in love with a young man. When she told him that she was pregnant, his immediate response was to enlist in the navy and ship out to sea.

But there was another man who also knew about the situation and desired to help Fanny. He married the pregnant girl, took care of her, and when the child was born, it was given his name.

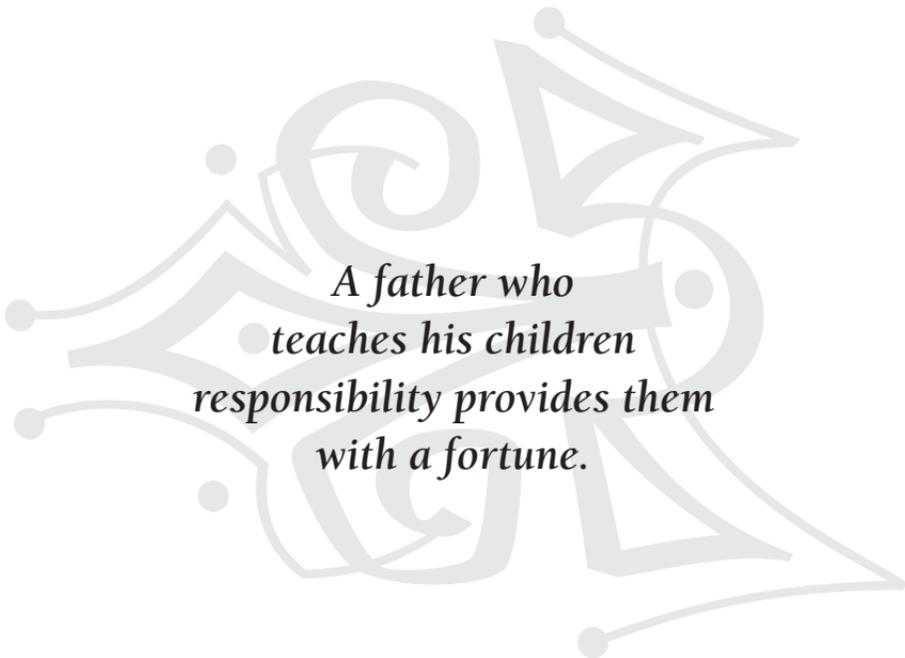
Soon after, the young sailor came back into port and discovered what had happened. He was furious and wanted his baby back. In talking over the situation with his uncle, he was asking for help so he could state his case properly. “Tell me, Uncle? Who is the real father? The one who gave the baby life or the one who buys its bibs?”

The uncle’s simple reply was, “The father is the one who loves.”



Love does not need proof . . . it
needs practice.

*For the Lord your God is God of gods
and Lord of lords, the great God,
mighty and awesome, who shows no
partiality and accepts no bribes. He
defends the cause of the fatherless and
the widow (Deut. 10:17–18).*



*A father who
teaches his children
responsibility provides them
with a fortune.*

