

Father's Day 2019
The Blessing
Isaiah 59:21

Introduction:

1. As parents, we have the ability to impact our children like no one else
2. A mother provides the nurture and care
3. 3. Without the father's approval and validation the child will have a void
4. Every person needs the blessing of their father
5. Many adults struggle
6. Their father never said, "I am proud of you"
7. Fathers have something to give no one else can
8. You have the God given authority and privilege to bless your child
9. We all are busy – but we cannot neglect this most important aspect of their lives

The Difference Maker:

1. You must be the difference maker
2. Start blessing your children – calling out their seeds of greatness
3. Let them know that you are their number one fan
4. Hug them and hug them often
5. With teenage daughters don't back away
6. When you show your feelings, you are showing strength
7. Real men show their affection
8. Fathers – our children have been given to us by God as a gift
9. Many times, the root cause of issues can be traced back to childhood
10. Even children out on the playground look for that approval

Never too Late:

1. It is never too late and never too early
2. Your approval even later in life can be a turning point for them
3. Story of football player

Strategic Part:

1. The father is a strategic part of the puzzle that only a father's blessing can fill
2. Maybe you are here today and you realize you have not been there for your children and you are thinking your children don't need anything from you
3. A blessing is not a blessing until spoken
4. Learn to speak the blessing – often and demonstrative and heartfelt
5. Maybe you are a father in a single parent situation – that does not change anything
6. If a young lady does not get the approval from her father many times she will try to get that approval from other men
7. They have a Daddy Hole
8. Your little girl looks up to you as her hero – she admired you – she thinks you can do anything

9. Your actions will teach her how other men should treat her
10. You are in effect her first boyfriend
11. Story of Simone's first date
12. A father sets the standard
13. Men if you have boys be sure that you treat their mother with respect and love because those boys are looking at you and what you are modeling

Legacy:

1. ***Isaiah 59:21 As for me, this is my covenant with them," says the Lord. "My Spirit, who is on you, will not depart from you, and my words that I have put in your mouth will always be on your lips, on the lips of your children and on the lips of your children's children—from this time on and forever," says the Lord.***
2. Story of Jacob and Esau
3. Story of David being anointed king
4. David is referred to in the Book of Acts as a ***"man after God's own heart"***
5. Jesse did not see the giant killer – the general – the musician – the history maker
6. Slight detour – we look for the greatness in each of you
7. Each one of you – does not matter what has gone on before – right now have the potential not only to live lives pleasing to the Father but you can change the world you are living in
8. God said in ***Ps 68 "He will be a father to the fatherless"***
9. Story of little boy who grew up with an unwed mother
10. *"Wait a minute!" he said. 'I know who you are. I see the family resemblance now. You are a child of God. With that he patted the boy on his shoulder and said, 'Boy, you've got a great inheritance. Go and claim it'*
11. *Who is your daddy?* – You are a child of God

The Void Filled:

1. Story of Father's Day service
2. Story of Scott Dittman
3. Maybe your father has not been involved in your life and like that young girl all those years ago you feel a void on the inside
4. Hear your heavenly Father saying to you *"I am proud of you and I have destined for you to do great things"*
5. ***Hebrews 12:1 "a great cloud of witnesses"***
6. Life is too short – make sure you give your children the blessing
7. It is never too late
8. Go out and be the father God has called you to be

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