

Fathers Day 2023

# “What Encourages Dad?”

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## 1. Keep the *relationship* alive.

### (1) Be an *initiator* of calls & texts.

Eph 6:2 “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— . . .

**Ask:** -How much *effort* does it take to do this?

### (2) Give him your *time*.

Prov 29:3 A man who loves wisdom brings joy to his father

**Ask:** -Is this a good *investment* of my life?

### (3) Eat food *together*.

Luke 15:20 So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

## 2. Live out a *productive* life.

### (1) Live with *integrity*.

Prov 23:24 The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him.

### (2) Live with *discipline*.

Prov 12:1 Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates correction is stupid.

### (3) Learn to control your *anger*.

Ja 1:19 My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

**Ask:** -What will my dad *think* if I do these 3?

## 3. Allow him to be *your* dad.

### (1) *Listen* to your dad.

Prov 23:22 Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

### (2) Ask your dad for *advice*.

Prov 28:7 A discerning son heeds instruction, but a companion of gluttons disgraces his father.

### (3) Regularly thank him for being your dad.

Eph 5:20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Ask:** -Does he *know* I appreciate him?

-Why wouldn't I live *thankful* for him?

## 4. Show him you *love* him.

### (1) Be appropriately *affectionate*.

Prov 17:6 Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.

### (2) Be *interested* in your dad.

Matthew 7:9 “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

**Ask:** -What does he *care* about?

-What would he love to *talk* about?

### (3) Remind him of things he *taught* you.

Psalms 103:13 As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;

**Ask:** -(Self) What did he actually *teach* me?

-What was his *significance* in my life?