**ARE YOU A GOOD FATHER?**

**Psalms 112:1 – 7**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Since today is traditionally referred to as “Father’s Day” (because we know this to be an

everyday occurrence), a lesson has been presented, specifically designed for FATHERS.

 A. The Scriptures teach the father has a distinct role in which he must follow in the home.

 1. It is only when he fills this role, in the manner which God would have him to do, to

 ever be counted as “**A GOOD FATHER**” by God.

 B. It is important to keep in mind sometimes the world’s idea of what “A GOOD FATHER”

 is and God’s Knowledge are two completely, different conclusions at times.

 1. Therefore, [we] are discussing how God sees this very important role in the home.

2. There is an important question to us who are fathers “**ARE YOU A GOOD FATHER**?”

 A. The following will assist [us] in determining whether [we] are or, perhaps, ***NOT***.

**BODY:**

**1. IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE IN THE HOME**

 A. He goes about his daily LIFE setting good examples for his children.

 1. Many times, the father is walking along the road with a child a step or two behind.

 2. What a tragedy to picture this while knowing his steps are unworthy to follow.

 B. Setting a good example is a part of training up a child (Eph 6:4).

**2. IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF HIS FAMILY**

 A. He realizes the command given God’s Word applies to his LIFE (Eph 6:4).

 B. He knows he is responsible for the training of his children (Pro 22:6).

**3. IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MATERIAL WELFARE OF HIS FAMILY**

 A. It is tragic to see men who claim to be loving fathers neglect this responsibility.

 1. He has been told to provide for his family (2 Cor 12:14).

 2. As God shares His LOVE to us, [we] should share our LOVE to our children.

**4. HAS A GOOD ASSOCIATION WITH HIS WIFE**

 A. Will have a sacrificial LOVE for his wife (Eph 5:25).

 B. Will honor his wife demonstrating [teaching] his children to do likewise (1 Pet 3:7).

 C. Many young men are growing up ***NOT*** having a good understanding of what it means to

 have a good relationship with their wife due to ***NOT*** learning this in the home.

1. Many times when this happens, it is the fault of the father, ***BUT*** inexcusable.

**5. HAS A GOOD ASSOCIATION WITH HIS CHILDREN**

 A. He will recognize his children are a gift from God (Gen 33:5).

 B. He realizes he has been commanded to correct his children (Pro 29:17).

 1. Correction does ***NOT*** always involve corporal punishment; a good father evaluates

 from God’s Word how often and when consequences should be handled (Pro 29:15).

 C. He realizes he should ***NOT*** provoke his children to wrath (Eph 6:4).

 1. Children must be trained to be obedient to their parents enhancing love for the child.

**6. HE WILL BE HONORED IN THE HOME**

 A. As the head of the home (1 Cor 11:3)

 B. By his children (Exo 20:12).

 C. He will live a LIFE commanding respect (Gal 6:7, 8).