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Strengthening, Preserving & Promoting Marriage, Family, Life & Religious Liberty

And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might, And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children...

Deuteronomy 6:5-7a

Mark Your Calendar!

**WFC presents,
“2017: What Now?”
with Julaine Appling
Thurs., June 8, 6-8 p.m.**

Trail Ridge Camp in
Hillsboro, WI

Resources for Dads
*Shepherding a Child's
Heart*, Paul Tripp

*Hero: Being the Strong
Father Your Children
Need*, Meg Meeker

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Good Dads

I was all grown up and had been on my own for years. But on that hot summer day when my car broke down, my refrigerator quit, and my dog was sick, my natural reaction was to call Dad.

Dad listened, gave me some advice, and sympathized. But I could also sense he was frustrated. Exasperated, he said, “What do you want me to do about this? I’m in Michigan; you’re in West Virginia.” I sobbed into the phone, “I know. But you’ve always been there and have always been able to fix everything.” I knew Dad well enough to know he was frustrated not because I had called but because he couldn’t be there to fix things for me.

So often he had been there to right my world, fix my broken toys, rescue a school project, patch rust spots on a car, hold my hand as I headed to surgery, and more. But now time and distance kept him from coming to my aid. I’m sure it was at least as hard on him as it was on me.



My dad wasn’t unusual. Most dads are like that. They want to fix things for their loved ones, protect them and provide for them. That’s what good dads do. That’s how God designed them.

In fact, God designed families to include fathers as a critical part of that foundational institution. Sadly, our society is reeling from the impact of fatherlessness.

The statistics on this subject are staggering. Consider that nearly 40% of the children born in Wisconsin this year will be born to single mothers. Many of those children will never know their father. To them a dad will be a concept, not a reality.

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Pray...

- For the fathers and families in your church
- For revival in our churches and state
- For our national and state and local officials
- For the work of WFC in our state

Praising God for...

- The money for a new display!
- Good attendance and great responses to our “What Now?” events.

June 6, 1944, D-Day

On this date 73 years ago over 4,000 ships landed American and British divisions on the beaches of Normandy, France. This action was the beginning of the end of WWII in Europe. Over 6,000 American husbands, fathers, sons and brothers made the ultimate sacrifice in this action. It is right for us to memorialize the sacrifice they and their families made to fight tyranny.

June 14, Flag Day

“Old Glory” led the troops into battle on D-Day. It drapes the coffins of those who sacrificed to protect our country. The “Stars and Stripes” did not make America great, but it is a symbol of our great American ideals.

Children who do not live with their biological fathers are, on average, at least two to three times more likely to be poor, use drugs, experience educational, health, emotional and behavioral problems, be victims of child abuse, and engage in criminal behavior than are their peers who live with their married, biological or adoptive parents.

Quite honestly, society owes good dads a great deal. Good dads save our society from many troubles and save taxpayers a lot of money. When dads are absent from the lives of the children they have fathered, those children often find themselves with problems that need attention. That attention usually comes in the form of some service or entitlement paid for by the taxpayers. Bottom line? There is no substitute for a father. Good fathers are an incredible treasure. Rich is the family whose father loves the mother of his children with all his heart, wants to spend time with his family, seeks out ways to meet their needs and often helps their dreams come true through his own self-sacrifice.

Good fathers teach their children by example and word. Instructing and training his children is not a chore to a good dad—it is a delight. Making sure his children know about a loving God and His Son Jesus Christ is a priority for a good father. Passing on values and traditions and using teachable moments seem to come naturally to good dads. And, of course, being available to help fix the broken things in a child’s life, from toys to relationships, is also part of being a good dad.

No one ever said being a father was easy. It’s not for the faint-of-heart. That’s why it is appropriate for us to celebrate fathers on Father’s Day.

I’d give almost anything to be able to call my Dad and thank him for being a good dad. He’s a lot further away than Michigan now—he’s in Heaven. But if he could somehow answer a phone there, it wouldn’t surprise me to hear him say, “Hi, honey. What’s going on that I can fix for you?” That’s just what good dads do.

—Julaine Appling, WFC President

About Wisconsin Family Council

Wisconsin Family Council is a 501 (c)(3) organization that has been advancing Judeo-Christian principles and values in Wisconsin since 1986. We have largely done this by informing Wisconsin citizens, policymakers and churches about the important legislative and cultural issues so that they can be involved in strengthening, preserving and promoting marriage, family, life and religious liberty in our state.

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