

Fanning the Flame of Faithful Fatherhood

SERMON SUMMARY

In this sermon, we explore the profound role of fatherhood as a divine stewardship and a reflection of God's care for us. Fathers are depicted as protectors, providers, role models, and spiritual leaders who have the opportunity to influence their families and the world for Christ. The message encourages us to honor and support fathers and father figures, recognizing their importance in our lives and communities. It also draws parallels between earthly fatherhood and our relationship with our Heavenly Father, emphasizing the need to nurture our spiritual lives and pass on a legacy of faith.

KEY VERSES

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

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV) : "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

QUESTIONS

1. How does the role of a father reflect God's character?
2. In what ways can fathers demonstrate the love of Christ to their families?
3. What are some practical ways we can honor and support the fathers in our community?
4. How can we pray for fathers who are struggling with the responsibilities of fatherhood?
5. What does it mean to "fan into flame" the gift of fatherhood?
6. How can fathers balance the demands of providing for their families with the need for spiritual leadership?
7. What legacy do you wish to receive from or impart to your father or children?
8. How can the church community assist in strengthening the role of fathers?

LIFE APPLICATION

This week, take time to reach out to a father figure in your life or in your community. Offer words of encouragement, pray for them, or find a way to assist them in their role. Reflect on how you can "fan into flame" the gifts God has given you to influence others, especially if you are a father or a mentor.