

**TEXT: Job 1:1-5**

**TITLE: FATHER'S DAY**

## **INTRODUCTION**

**Job 1:1-5**

*“There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil. And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east. And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning; and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, ‘It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts.’ Thus did Job continually.”*

The idea for creating a day for children to honor their fathers began in Spokane, Washington. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Having been raised by her father, after her mother died, Sonora wanted her father to know how special he was to her. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. Her father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June, 1910. In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Roses are the Father's Day flowers: red to be worn for a living father and white if the father has died.

ILL...Little boy was asked about Father's Day; his response,” It's kind a like Mother's Day but you don't spend as much money on the present.”

ILL...The greatest amount of long distance calls is registered on Mother's Day. The greatest amount of Collect calls are registered on Father's Day.

T.S...Bruce Howell offers:

## **Ten Ways A Parent Can Fail**

- 1. Have fights in front of your children. Then when quests come, turn around and act affectionate toward one another.**
- 2. Stifle your children's questions by saying, "Don't bother me now, I'm busy."**
- 3. Take no interest in your children's friends, Let them run around with whomever they choose.**
- 4. Never discipline your children, try to use psychology instead.**
- 5. Nag them about their schoolwork; never compliment them on their achievements.**
- 6. Demonstrate your love for them with material things. Give them everything their little hearts desire.**
- 7. Never discuss the facts of life with them. Instead, let them learn from their friends, public school or the media.**
- 8. Set a bad example so the children will not want to grow up to be like you.**
- 9. Absolutely refuse to believe it if you are told that your children have done something wrong.**
- 10. Let your children make their own choices in the matter of religion. Be careful not to influence them in any way.**

**T.S...Dr. Benson wrote, "The Total Man;" "...for every positive word that most dads say to their children they say 10 negative ones." Learn to Be a Good Finder.**

**T.S...Job was the kind of father that I think merits fathers of today to pay close attention to.**

## **I. THE CHARACTER OF JOB**

**EXPL...He was perfect and upright (v.1)**

**Perfect – Does not mean that he had spent a sinless life. He knew who he was.**

**APPL...For a home to be what it should, the father must know who he is.**

**EXPL...Upright – means he practiced honesty and justice with his fellowman.**

**ILL...His everyday life revealed his relationship with God.**

**EXPL... (V.1) He feared God and eschewed evil. This is the secret of Job's physical and mental equilibrium.**

**Religion is always accompanied by morality.**

**ILL...Proverbs 14:16, *"A wise man feareth and departeth from evil."* The fear of God gives man the power to avoid evil. Proverbs 16:6, *"...and by fear of the Lord men depart from evil."***

**APPL...God knew the character of Job and He knows your character. Father, can God say the same about you?**

## **II. THE CONCERN OF JOB**

**EXPL...Notice all the possessions that were Job's. This man was the greatest of all the East, possibly a King. He was a very important man who possessed many material things.**

**APPL...Job had things in proper order. Notice that the first thing recorded about Job is his relationship with God. Second, relationship to family. Third, relationship to things. I don't believe the order is happenstance.**

**T.S...All of the giving you do for your family, without giving a Christ-like example, is in vain.**

### **III. THE COMPASSION OF JOB**

**EXPL...His love was evenly distributed. He loved all of children with the same intensity. He offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all.**

**EXPL...Job was the kind of father that did not show partiality.**

**ILL...In my years of ministry I have shared with many adults who were discriminated against in their earlier years; all have one thing in common, bitter resentment and emptiness.**

**APPL...We can learn a lesson from Job. Job loved them all; Job provided for them all; Job prayed for them all; Job did this continually.**

### **CONCLUSION**

**WALK A LITTLE PLAINER DAD**