

## Father's Day

*The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him. Proverbs 20:7*

I have many fond memories of my father and I remember him as a wonderful man. He taught me honesty and responsibility. He taught me to think about how my actions affected others. He taught me to analyze situations and beliefs. He instilled in me many characteristics, some positive and some not so positive. I am thankful for my father.

One of the greatest blessings God can give us is a father who is true to the Word of God. One who not only professes his belief but lives it. If you have difficulty imagining a godly father, think about your heavenly father.

One of the things that comes to my mind about my Heavenly Father is that He is holy. He never excuses sin. Another attribute is His love. It is abundant, unconditional, merciful, and amazing. He always does what is best for us.

Something else about my Heavenly Father that I am very thankful for is His presence. He is always with me to protect and to provide. He never leaves me alone. He always listens to me. He understands my deepest desires, my hurts, my joys, and my needs.

I have a prayer for all of you fathers who strive to live Christ like and raise your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord:

*The Lord bless you and keep you;*

*The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;*

*The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.—Numbers 6:24-25*