

# Honoring Righteous Fathers

Joseph: an earthly pattern  
of righteous fatherhood.





# Introduction

- Like Mother's day last month we turn our attention to honoring our father's on this day.
- Children have a God-given responsibilities to honor their parents.
- On the other hand, parents have a God-given responsibility to raise their children in the way they should go. Prov. 22:6





# Introduction

● This Father's Day we look at the life of Joseph (Mary's husband): an earthly pattern of biblical fatherhood.

- True, some information is based upon inferences, but the alternative inferences are much less likely.
- Fathers who love the eternal welfare of their children will honor their Father whose grace can bring them into His kingdom.





# Joseph Was a Righteous Husband and Father

- He intended to quietly put Mary away for adultery (not wanting to disgrace her).

And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly.  
Matthew 1:19





# Joseph Was a Righteous Husband and Father

- He did not have relations with Mary (or others) before marriage. Matthew 1:18-19

Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge. Heb 13:4





# Joseph Was a Righteous Husband and Father

- He was a law  
abiding citizen.  
Luke 2:4-5

And He said to  
them, “Then render  
to Caesar the things  
that are Caesar’s,  
and to God the  
things  
that are God’s.”  
Luke 20:25





# Joseph Was a Righteous Husband and Father

- He was spiritually minded.  
Luke 2:41

For the mind  
set on the flesh  
is death,  
but the mind  
set on the Spirit  
is life and peace.  
Romans 8:6





# Joseph Was a Righteous Husband and Father

- He taught his children God's commandments and teachings. Luke 2:46-47

“You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down and rise up.”

Deuteronomy 6:7





# Joseph Was a Righteous Husband and Father

- He was concerned and anxious for Jesus when learning his Son was lost.

“Son, why have  
You treated us this  
way? Behold, **Your**  
**father** and I have  
been anxiously  
looking for You.”  
Luke 2:48





# Joseph Was a Righteous Husband and Father

- God's providential  
care was over  
Joseph.  
Matthew 2:13-21

And we know that  
God causes all  
things to work  
together for good  
to those who love  
God, to those  
who are called  
according to His  
purpose.  
Romans 8:28





# Godly Fathers Today

- **Fear the Lord:** providing their children a place of refuge.  
Prov. 14:26
- **Teach their family the holy scriptures:** making them wise for salvation. 2 Tim. 3:15
- **Chasten their children:** truly loving them.  
Prov. 3:11-12; 13:24
- **Don't provoke their children to wrath.** Eph. 6:4
- **Leaves an eternal inheritance (aka legacy) for their offspring.** Prov. 13:22





# Conclusion

- Like Mothers, children need to honor their father's because God said so.
- How much greater the honor, however, when having righteous fathers!

