

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Mary Byars
 Cradle Roll 2: Larry Byars
 6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White
 Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed
 Wed. Evening Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Seth White
 Cradle Roll 2: LeAnna White

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of June 9, 2013

Sunday School ----- 12
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 32
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 23
 Wed. Eve. Service, 06/12/03 ----- 24

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of June 9, 2013

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,013.00
 Insurance Fund ----- \$ 150.00
Total Received for Week of 06/09/13: \$ 1,163.00

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed to operate the church EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00



SEND A NOTE TO RYAN QUINNELLY IN AFGHANISTAN-

**SPC QUINNELLY RYAN
 1220 EN CO, 864 EN BN
 TF PACEMAKER
 FOB SHARANA
 APO AE 09311**

WE'RE ALSO GATHERING UP THINGS TO SEND HIM:

- * **Easy Breakfast Foods:**
 - > Fruit-flavored Pop Tarts
 - > Granola Bars
- * **Snacks:**
 - > Cheezitz
 - > Peanuts
 - > Trail Mix
 - > Beef Jerky
 - > Pistachio's
 - > Etc.

INSURANCE FUND REPORT FOR JUNE, 2013:

Monthly Requirement ----- \$ 329.66
 Amount Received thusfar for June, 2013 ----- \$ 150.00
Amount STILL NEEDED by 07/05/13 = \$ 179.66

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. **Admit that you are a sinner.**
2. **Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.**
3. **Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.**
4. **You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).**
5. **By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.**



Please Remember To Be Faithful To Give!

As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go **up**. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start **today - OK?** Thank you.

Church Directory

Todd W. White ----- Pastor
 Mickie Shatwell ----- Pianist
 Dickie Eberle ----- Greeter, Custodian
 Shayne Hooper, Caryn Quinnelly, Todd W. White ----- S.S. Teachers
 Larry & Mary Byars, Brian & Charity Crawford,
 Dwayne English, Shayne Hooper ----- Outreach
 Flowers ----- Shirley White

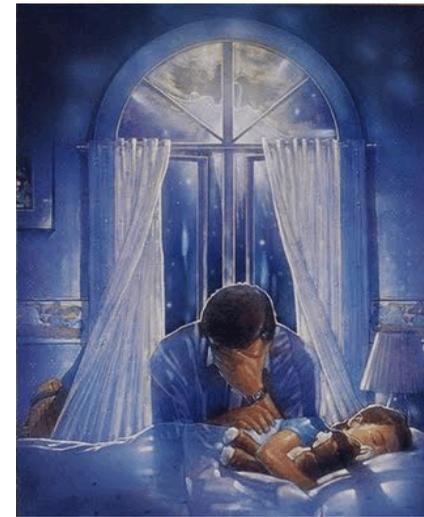
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The Secret Habit of Great Dads

A Special Father's Day Charge from Stephen Kendrick

As young boys, my brothers and I would head out the front door of our home in Smyrna, Georgia to eagerly explore the woods across the street with our neighborhood friends.

Swinging on vines. Killing snakes. Shooting fireworks at one another. As I look back at the dangers we dove into, I can see that God was constantly sparing us of many more emergency room visits than we deserved.

As the youngest son, my personal explorations also took me deep into the uncharted territories of our suburban home. Crawling under beds and hiding in closets, I became very familiar with almost every inch of our house.

But there were a few times in my adventures when I'd wander in on my dad unexpectedly. I never found him looking at inappropriate magazines or using drugs. But - multiple times - I caught him in his room or in his closet on his knees... praying

for us and our family.

You can tell a lot about a man's character by what you stumble upon him doing when he's alone. And in my home, I was impacted deeply by how I saw my father willingly bowing before God.

Over the years, I remembered seeing our family's needs being miraculously met when the exact amount of money dad was praying for would show up out of the blue. I saw how God carried us during hard times, clearly guided major decisions, and strategically provided key people and resources to help my father start a Christian ministry in the late 1980's.

Dad prayed and God worked. It was undeniable.

There was clearly a powerful and loving God whose ears were attentive to our gray-headed father's desperate pleas. And my brothers and I had a front row seat to this reality.

Now with four children of my own, I can honestly say that my dad's example and the Word of God have taught me that prayer is one of the most important responsibilities I have as a father.

As men who will one day give an account to God for how we have led our families (Hebrews 13:17), all fathers have been given the ultimate responsibility as the heads of their homes for the physical and spiritual welfare of their children (1 Timothy 3:4, Proverbs 17:6).

But God knows that we are sorely inadequate on our own and that we will not be successful or found faithful without His ever-present help. We must learn to constantly rely on Him in prayer.

No matter how smart or sufficient you may think you are, your children will always be subject to circumstances beyond your reach. You cannot always protect them, provide for their every need, or control the constant influences around their lives. You won't always know their hearts, and you definitely don't know their future.

But we can all rest in the fact that there is a loving God Who understands and loves our children more than we do. He can go with

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them and guide them when we can't. He can protect them and influence them in every situation. And He invites us to place each of them and our every concern into His loving arms.

Jesus said, ***“If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?”*** ***“ (Matthew 7:11).*** This is an invitation to prayer.

Imagine it. The Sovereign God of the universe has chosen to allow you to know Him, talk to Him, and make requests of Him like a beloved son may ask and receive things from his compassionate father. Prayer is a daily opportunity for us to talk to God about every facet and detail of our children's lives.

You can bank on it that the devil has already been trying to discourage and distract you from praying for your children by telling you that you are too busy to pray or that your prayers are ineffective. But Jesus has promised us: ***“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you”*** ***(Matthew 7:7).***

Now granted, the Bible makes it clear that there are keys to praying effectively. For our prayers to be unhindered, the Scriptures say that we must know God (John 14:6), be right with Him (Psalm 66:18), be right with others (Mark 11:22-26; I Peter 3:7), and also have our hearts right (James 1:5-8; 4:6). And anytime this is true in your life, then you can get busy praying knowing that ***“...the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much”*** ***(James 5:16).***

We are all unqualified on our own. But through the mercy and access to God that Jesus attained for us through His death on the cross, we can ***“...come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need”*** ***(Hebrews 4:16).***

It is by uniting our hearts with Christ and keeping aligned with His will that we place ourselves in a position to prayerfully bring about more good for our children than almost anything else we could do on earth (John 15:7).



So, on this Father's Day weekend, I would like to exhort all dads to take a step of courageous faith into the practice of praying four different types of prayers for your children.

❑ ***PRAYERS OF DEDICATION*** (I Samuel 1:11, Proverbs 16:3): Even as Joseph and Mary dedicated Jesus as a newborn in the temple, we too should willingly commit all of our children's lives to the glory of God. Our Lord has faithfully demonstrated that He blesses and takes good care of that which has been

entrusted to Him.

Anytime you as a father start something new, your fatherly prayers of dedication should follow. New children, new jobs, new houses, new years, and new days are all new opportunities to stop and thank God for His goodness and re-purpose the new beginning for His glory and place it under His watchful care.

❑ ***PRAYERS OF ASSOCIATION*** (I Thessalonians 5:16-18): It is the will of God for fathers to pray for, with, and around their children. Regular prayer in our homes can draw our kids closer to God while redirecting their attention away from their daily problems and onto the One who holds every solution. If a father is unwilling to trust God with his temporary needs, why should he expect his children to want to trust God with their eternal souls?

If you don't know what to pray about, then consider what you are currently worried about. Your worries are merely burdens you are currently carrying in your own strength that you haven't yet cast fully upon the Lord's strength (Philippians 4:6-7). ***“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you”*** ***(I Peter 5:6-7).***

❑ ***PRAYERS OF BLESSING*** (Ephesians 1:3, Luke 3:22): Thirdly, fathers should learn to pray prayers of blessing over their families. You can do this by speaking encouraging and loving words over their lives while asking God to bring about their maximum physical and spiritual success (Psalm 20). So pray often for God's kingdom to come and His will to be done in their blooming lives.

In my family growing up, my parents would let Scripture teach them how to pray for us. They often prayed Isaiah 54:13-17 and Psalm 91 over us in the car as we drove down the road.

When your children overhear you thanking God for them, and telling God how much you love them and want His very best for them, it can change them forever.

❑ ***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION*** (Exodus 17:12): Lastly, fathers must learn to confront evil, problems, and any crisis in their families with the weapon of prayer.

Ephesians 6 tells us that we are to put on our spiritual armor and get busy praying so that we will be ready to stand firm in the day of evil. In prayer, we wage war (Ephesians 6:10-19) against the spiritual forces that want “to steal and to kill and to destroy” our children's purity and faith (John 10:10). If you fight your family's battles in prayer first, you will see much more fruitfulness and effectiveness in resolving problems when you get up off your knees.

In conclusion, if a man desires great things for his children, then he should request great things from God. But do not let things lack and fail simply because you lacked to pray and failed to ask (James 4:2). As the Lord responds to your requests in His perfect timing, your children will get to see His power and

handiwork firsthand.

Then one day they can share with their own children about the way they were forever changed by seeing their earthly father prayerfully introduce them to the powerful and loving care of their Heavenly Father.

- Stephen Kendrick has worked with his brother Alex to produce numerous feature-length films, including Courageous, which was released in 2011 and dealt with the important themes of honor and fatherhood. Their previous films include Flywheel (2003), Facing the Giants (2006) and Fireproof (2008). For several years now, Stephen has taken an active role in the Christian Filmmakers Academy and San Antonio Independent Christian Film Festival, both hosted by Vision Forum Ministries. Stephen serves on the board of the Fatherhood CoMission and lives with his wife and children in Albany, Georgia.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

❖ ***BRIAN MCLAREN'S ADVICE TO CONTEMPORARY SONGWRITERS*** - Brian McLaren, one of the most influential voices of the most liberal side of the “emerging church,” has published an “Open Letter to Worship Leaders” in which he offers “a list of Biblical themes to explore in our lyrics.”

Note the word “Biblical.” McLaren loves to use biblical terminology, but he defines it with a heretic's dictionary. He has rejected the dispensational theology of his godly missionary grandfather, having launched his boat onto the waters of end-time apostasy.

McLaren and his emerging pals are a fulfillment of II Timothy 3. They have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof (v. 5), which is the blood atonement of Christ and the infallible Scripture. They are “ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth (v. 7). Indeed, McLaren's theology is never settled. He loves to cast doubt on “the old,” but he has few solid answers for the present, and the answers he does have are wrong.

What themes does this man suggest for contemporary songwriters? He suggests that they sing about building the kingdom of God in the here and now rather than about “being evacuated to heaven with Jesus, leaving the earth to be destroyed.” McLaren wants to hear songs about smokestacks giving way to wind generators, about bullets being melted down and recast as plows, about polar bears making a comeback.

He suggests singing about God as female, singing about the God who used billions of years of evolution to “create” the world. He urges songwriters to reject “a sinners' prayer gospel” that focuses on forgiveness of sin and Jesus' blood and to sing rather about a God “not needing appeasement.”

Brian McLaren is very much a part of the confused waters of modern “evangelicalism.” The emerging church is a big house with many interconnecting rooms. For example, McLaren links from his blog to the Southern Baptist Ed Stetzer's blog. They all link to Rick Warren.

All evangelicals aren't liberal in theology like McLaren, but almost all of them hold hands to various degrees. They don't believe in or practice biblical separation, which is a fundamental error. Even “conservatives” like Al Mohler of Southern Baptist Seminary wholeheartedly support Billy Graham-style ecumenism. Dangerous bridges exist everywhere.

The extremely liberal McLaren is welcome with open arms to forums such as the 2009 National Pastor's Conference, which I covered with media credentials and where I personally interviewed McLaren. Other speakers included Andy Crouch, a senior editor of Christianity Today, Bill Hybels, Rob Bell, Leighton Ford, Gordon Fee, John Ortberg, Scot McKnight, and Paul Young, author of The Shack. Brian McLaren knows what he is doing. He is a change agent. He has openly stated that he is targeting the children and grandchildren of today's fundamentalists.

Today his very liberal thinking is in the minority within “evangelicalism,” but it will soon be the majority because of the spiritual carelessness and brazen disobedience of the “conservatives” and the foolishness of the “fundamentalists” who are messing around with evangelicalism and its contemporary worship rather than plainly and unequivocally rejecting it and separating from it. ■

