

Think On These Things...

Faithful Father

It was a Wednesday evening. Time for mid-week Bible Study was drawing near, but so too was the baseball game. Where would my father take us? It was the first time in my young life when a ball game co-incident with church service. My father sat my brother and I down and told us that while baseball was a fun and wholesome activity, it was not nearly as important as attending church services. In fact, he told us that Christ and His church was the most important thing in this world. Thus, we loaded up and headed off to Bible Study!

I'm thankful today that my father took us to church instead of taking us to the ball field. I'm thankful because he taught me an important lesson on the subject of priority. I'm thankful because his faithfulness to God encouraged me to be faithful.

There were fathers within the congregation where we attended that chose sports over church-related activities. And today, as far as I know, many of their children are unfaithful. I wonder where many of those individuals would be today had their father's been as faithful to God as was mine?

Today is Father's Day. It's a day when children honor their fathers with gifts of love. But there's no greater honor for a Christian father than to see his children giving their life to God in

faithful service. Fathers, let's point them in an upward direction by teaching them to be faithful in their youth.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Pro. 22:6).

"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4).

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