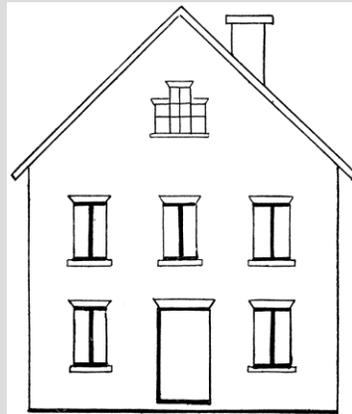
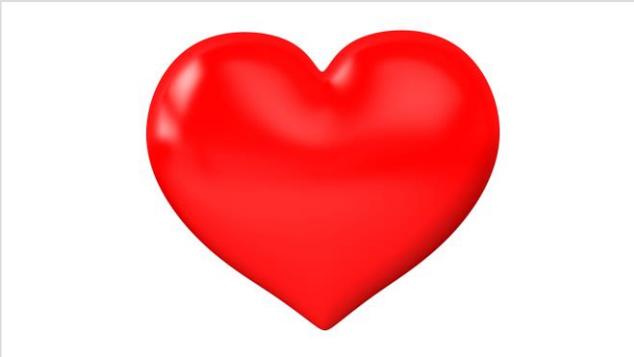


FATHERS BLESS AND CHILDREN HONOR

When it comes right down to it, life is a series of moments – bite size chunks of time that help define us and shape our views of the world around us. **Jim Daly**

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- **Biblical Blessing** - Initially spoken to Abram - Genesis 12:1-3 Biblical record indicates the God of Abraham was a God of Blessing. Bless or blessing appears in some form 500 times.
- Berakah - transmittal or endowment of the power of God's goodness or favor. Usually through spoken word and often accompanied by the laying on of hands.
- Once blessing was spoken, it couldn't be retracted. Genesis 27:1-40
- Benedictions – spoken blessings,
 - commonly spoken by fathers to their children.
 - those in authority to those under their authority.
 - priests to the congregation of believers.
- Benedictions always included the name of God.

• **Four Types of Blessings:**

1. Benedictions spoke by God to people promising His favor.

- Abraham's blessing in Genesis 12:1-3

2. Blessings spoken by people to God.

- When we speak well or express praise to God. Psalm 103:1-2, Eph. 1:3

3. Blessings spoken by God or people over things.

- Deuteronomy 28 is filled with these. (vs. 2-6)
- People spoke blessings over things as a way of dedicating or separating them a part for His favor. Common example: Food (An ancient Jewish custom that continued in the Christian community.)
- Miracle of Blessing Matthew 14:19-21

4. Blessing spoken by one person to another, often in the name of God, who is the ultimate source of all blessing.

- Isaac's blessing on Jacob.
- Aaron's blessing on the Israelites. (Numbers 6:23-27)

• Blessing – Discipline - Blessing

- Genesis 12:1-3, Galatians 3:6-9
 - God is the initiator of blessing.
 - God wanted families to be blessed.
 - through Jesus Christ, it was God's intent to bless families

- Blessing
- A. Importance of Blessing
 - 1. So important Rebekah and Jacob were willing to lie and deceive Isaac for Jacob to receive it!
Genesis 27:1-29
 - 2. So important that Esau cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry wanting it!
Genesis 27:30-35
 - 3. So important Esau pleaded and wept asking his father for a blessing, any blessing.
Genesis 27:36-40

- **B. Understanding Blessing and Cursing**

- 1. Bless - OT:1288 barak (baw-rak'); a primitive root; to kneel; by implication to bless God (as an act of adoration), and (vice-versa) man (as a benefit); also (by euphemism) to curse (God or the king, as treason):
- 2. Blessing - OT:1293 berakah (ber-aw-kaw'); from OT:1288; benediction; by implication prosperity:
- 3. New Webster's: Bless- to invoke divine care for, to speak prosperity or happiness upon. **Blessing- APPROVAL, ENCOURAGEMENT, a thing conducive to happiness or welfare.**
- 4. **TO EMPOWER TO PROSPER**
- 5. Prosper - not just economic or financial, to succeed or do well.
- 6. Hebrew language - to have a pleasant fulfilling journey
- 7. Combining the two thoughts - empowering the one being blessed to thrive, to succeed, do well and to have a pleasant, fulfilling journey through life.
- 8. Cursing - to dis-empower or to disable from prospering.
- 9. Follow the lineage of Esau and Jacob down several generations.
 - a. Edomites never really did prosper, they never became a great kingdom, and they were frequently overrun by enemies.
 - b. Israelites, mightily prospered, became a great nation, and prospered in many ways.
- 10. We are talking about more than just flattery or profanity. We are talking about receiving God's impartation vs. Satan's impartation. Impartation of Identity and Destiny.

• **Blessing and Discipline**

- Proverbs 13:24 Those who spare the rod of discipline hate their children. Those who love their children care enough to discipline them. NLT
- Proverbs 19:18 Discipline your children while there is hope. Otherwise you will ruin their lives. NLT
- Proverbs 22:15 A youngster's heart is filled with foolishness, but physical discipline will drive it far away. NLT
- Proverbs 23:13-14 Don't fail to discipline your children. They won't die if you spank them. 14 Physical discipline may well save them from death. NLT
- Proverbs 29:17 Discipline your children, and they will give you peace of mind and will make your heart glad. NLT

- **Definition of Discipline:**
- 1a : control gained by **enforcing** obedience or order
- 1b : orderly or **prescribed** conduct or pattern of behavior
- 1c : **self-control**
- 2 : **punishment**
- 3 : training that **corrects**, molds, or perfects the mental **faculties** or moral character
- 4 : a field of study
- 5 : a rule or system of rules **governing** conduct or activity
- 6 obsolete : **instruction**
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- **verb - disciplined; disciplining**
- 1 : to punish or **penalize** for the sake of enforcing obedience and perfecting moral character
- 2 : to train or develop by instruction and exercise especially in **self-control**
- 3a : to bring (a group) under control discipline troops
- 3b : to **impose** order upon serious writers discipline and refine their writing styles

• **New study: Spanking bad for your child's health**

- Five decades of research made its debut in [a study](#) published in the April 2016 issue of the [Journal of Family Psychology](#). The verdict: **The more you spank your children, the more likely they are to defy you and to develop issues including anti-social behavior and cognitive difficulties.**
 - The study, out of The University of Austin and the University of Michigan, analyzed 50 years of research involving 160,927 children, following many of them to adulthood.
 - "Spanking increases the likelihood of a wide variety of undesired outcomes for children," says co-author and University of Michigan associate professor Andrew Grogan-Kaylor. "Spanking thus does the opposite of what parents usually want it to do."
 - That finding mirrors research published earlier this year by the [Centers for Disease Control and](#)
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- In all of are supposed, human wisdom, people determined themselves to be wiser than God. We have so eliminated or compromised discipline that we have several generations of people who have no concept of any penalty for wrong or bad behavior!!!
 - The pendulum doesn't swing back to center!!!!

- One of my dad quotes: Maturity doesn't come with age, but with the acceptance of responsibility!

- **My Principle for Discipline:**

I. Discipline out of love not anger! I tried to never discipline our children when I was angry. I didn't want to communicate that I was disciplining because I was angry. I was disciplining them because I loved them too much to allow!

- **Hebrews 12:5-11** "My child, don't make light of the Lord's discipline, and don't give up when he corrects you. 6 For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child."
- 7 As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father? 8 If God doesn't discipline you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children at all. 9 Since we respected our earthly fathers who disciplined us, shouldn't we submit even more to the discipline of the Father of our spirits, and live forever?
- 10 For our earthly fathers disciplined us for a few years, doing the best they knew how. But God's discipline is always good for us, so that we might share in his holiness. 11 No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way. NLT

2. Discipline should be an event that involves pain! Pain is the reminder of consequence for disobedience.

- Do you know why you are being disciplined?
- You need to ask forgiveness for your disobedience!
- I am going to spank you because you disobeyed and I love you too much to allow disobedient behavior! (We used a wooden spoon. Hands are for blessing not hitting)
- I am going to allow you to cry.
- We are going to hug each other and pray together!
- If you don't want to hug or pray together, we will have another spanking.
- Speaking Blessing over your child should be a part of the process!

3. Disrespect was an immediate cause for discipline!

4. Discipline should be consistent!

- You as husband and wife should agree on discipline!
- I am not going to count to three!
- When I tell you that I am going to spank, there is no talking our way out of it, even if I have to wake you up!
- I believe that because dads are to be the head of their household, dads should be the one who administer discipline!

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5. Discipline is a declaration on earth and in heaven!

- Declaration to your children of your love and stewardship in commitment to raise them in fear and admonition of the Lord!
- Rod in scripture is a symbol of authority. When I raise the rod to discipline, if I understand it or declare it, I am saying to the powers of darkness; “My child belongs to the Lord and you won’t have dominion over them”!

- **Blessing –**
- **Numbers 6:22-27** Then the Lord said to Moses, 23 "Tell Aaron and his sons to bless the people of Israel with this special blessing:
 - 24 'May the Lord bless you and protect you.
 - 25 May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.
 - 26 May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace.'
 - 27 Whenever Aaron and his sons bless the people of Israel in my name, I myself will bless them."
- **Intentional (act of speaking God's favor and power into someone's life, accompanied by a symbolic gesture)**
- We can speak life or death
 - Proverbs 18:21 "Death and life are in the power of the tongue."
 - Proverbs 12:18 Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing.

- “The Blessing” the importance and elements of Blessing.
 - MEANINGFUL TOUCH
 - A SPOKEN MESSAGE
 - ATTACHING HIGH VALUE TO THE “ONE” BEING BLESSED
 - PICTURING A SPECIAL FUTURE FOR THE ONE BEING
 - AN ACTIVE COMMITMENT TO FULFILL THE BLESSING
 - Commit the person being blessed to the Lord
 - Commit our lives to their best interest (understand their unique bent) and disciple them in it.
 - Become a student of those you wish to bless
- Admonitions

