

Recap of 6/19/16 (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21):

1. **“By profession I am a soldier and take pride in that fact. But I am prouder—infinately prouder—to be a father....It is my hope that my son, when I am gone, will remember me not from the battlefield but in the home repeating with him our simple daily prayer, ‘Our Father Who Art in Heaven.’” (General Douglas MacArthur)**
2. **To the Fathers of our congregation:**
 - of all your roles none is more important than that of Father—pouring your life into your children
 - of all your accomplishments none is more far-reaching than that of Father
 - of all your duties, none is more important than praying for your children, nurturing them, teaching them.
 - of all your titles none is more important than “Daddy”
3. **Deuteronomy 6:4-9 speaks of the necessity of giving children instruction in the Word of God. “... fathers were principally responsible for the giving of this instruction.” (G. Campbell Morgan)**
4. **Communicating these truths to our children is predicated upon loving God with all our being.**
5. **“Moses says that communicating faith begins with a parent’s own love for God. A love ‘with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength’ (v. 5)....If God is real to you—if you love Him and follow Him faithfully—then God will be real to your children too.”**
6. **In Ephesians 6:4 and Colossians 3:21 Paul announces a limitation upon a Father’s authority over his children. Fathers are not to exasperate or embitter their children so that they become discouraged. Parents must be fair and use their authority “wisely and lovingly.” “The danger in the home is parents who are authoritarian but do not exercise loving spiritual authority.” (Wiersbe)**
7. **The positive side is to nourish children, to teach, guide and correct them as they grow. (Ephesians 6:4)**