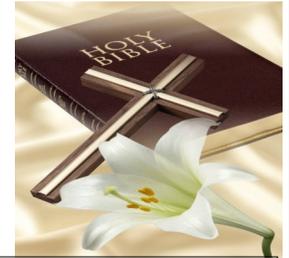


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**EDITORIAL: FATHER AS FRIEND**

A few years ago my nephew (who was living with us) complained to Althea, his aunt, that I didn't love him. He came to this conclusion because I was very strict and not spending or having much time for him, even though he knew he could depend on me to provide some of his needs.

A year later a retired pastor, now deceased, said to me, *'don't make the mistake I made. I can't tell you my children's favourite foods or colours, who their best friends are or what they like. I provided for them but I don't know them, I'm not their friend. When they come around now, they spend time with their mother while just acknowledging me.'*

Both experiences taught me a valuable truth. It is this **A Father Must Also Be A Friend**. It is not enough to be provider, protector and disciplinarian and not try to be a friend. Many children today don't see their fathers as a friend; their mothers, certainly but not daddy.

I want to encourage all fathers to spend more time getting to know their child/children, take time to speak with them, go out with them, play games with them and laugh with them. Give them a chance to know you and see another side to you. One juvenile said of his father, *"he gave me all he could materially, educationally and financially but he didn't know me or me him, the community "don" did."*

Let us as fathers order our lives and make ourselves available for those whom we love and care for so that we too can become their friends.

Have A Happy God Blessed Fathers Day. Peace

*Ainsley Davis (Rev.)*

**View on the Males World-What Fathers should be like by Durie Daley**

A good glimpse of our Heavenly Father (God) is what fathers should give, in order to strive to be good male factors. Fathers are persons who love, correct, comfort, instruct and provide for the needs of their children. Fathers are also persons who act as role models and have a positive impact in the life of the child. They are always near, ready and eager to listen to their child. Fathers are to have courage to face problems

**June Wedding Anniversaries**



June 7th  
Annette & Winston Tracey  
celebrate 15 years of marriage



June 19th  
Claudette & Victor Taylor  
celebrate 12 years of marriage



June 22nd  
Sherlette & Rupert Whilby  
celebrate 35 years of marriage



June 25th  
Winsome & Gregory James  
celebrate 7 years of marriage



June 26th  
Mr & Mrs Renford Daniels  
celebrate 30 years of marriage



June 30th  
Elma & Theron Smith  
celebrate 25 years of marriage

"A wedding anniversary is the celebration of love, trust, partnership, tolerance and tenacity. The order varies for any given year."

*Quoted by: Paul Sweeney*

**June Birthdays: May God's love be magnified in every area of your life.**



Dave Campbell 1st    Renford Daniels 1st    Leanord Bucknor 9th    Micol Israel 9th    Marilyn Melvin 11th    Veronica Allen 13th    Daphne Reid 17th



Icilda Slyfield 20th    Karlene Wedderburn 20th    Pauline Brown 23rd    Leroy Corey 25th    Joslyn Spence 26th    Beverly Peddler 26th    Nicola Nagheer 26th

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of the home and community.

According to Ephesians 6:2-4, fathers are to be honoured by their children and children in return will live long on the earth. It also teaches that fathers should not provoke their children to wrath; instead they should bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Fathers are to be willing to forgive their children. God's love for us, His children, is measureless. Fathers are to foster this kind of love.

I wish for all fathers a HAPPY BLESSED FATHERS' DAY.

**PRAY for the sick and shut-in members of the church and in our surrounding communities. Here is a list of our sick and shut-in members:**

Sis. Audrey Maxwell (Port Maria Class); Sis. Emma Scarlette-Grant (Port Maria Class); Sis. Inez Graham (Trinity Class); Sis. Percuss Scott (Trinity Class); Bro. Thomas Bennett (Mason Hall Class); Bro. Archibald Henry (Stennett Street Class); Bro. Jeremiah Dalhouse (Stennett Street Class); Sis. Daphne Reid (Galina Class); Sis. Georgina Peart (Cox Street Class); Bro. Lucan Scott (Cox Street Class); Sis. Adassa Reddie (Cox Street).

### JUNE REMINDERS

June Beginning of Hurricane Season  
 17th Fathers' Day/Fathers' Day Concert  
 19th Re-Dedication of Chapel - Zion Hill Baptist Church  
 24th Exchange of Pulpit  
 24th Caribbean Baptist Fellowship Sunday  
 27th Emmanuel Basic School Graduation  
 29th Family month: Games Night

### Up-coming Events

July 8th Harvest Service & Ingathering  
 (Classes should have items prepared for display)  
 July 13th Harvest Supper

### Male Behaviour and Sexual Abuse:

One of the social issues that Jamaica faces today is sexual abuse and exploitation by men. But why are men primarily responsible for sexual abuse in our society? Here are some views put forward by men:

*Boys are not raised correctly; parenting style is physically and emotionally abusive to boys; Boys are socialized to suppress their emotions; Boys do not have relationships with nurturing fathers; and there are no father figures in the homes which result in the underdevelopment of boys.*

But how do we account for those males who have had one or all of the above experiences yet do not engage in sexual abuse and exploitation of the opposite sex?

The truth of the matter is that each male has choices—some males choose to engage in these deviant behaviours. Let us however pray for our males—that they will experience healing of body, mind and soul so that they can communicate anger, intimacy and power in more acceptable ways.

Adapted from Marie Sparkes  
 Nex Generation (2011)

**7 Traits of Real Men:** Today so much negatives are being said about men that you sometimes must wonder if there are any good men around. It is true that when we look at what is being portrayed on TV, in music videos and in the neighbourhood by men and about men, you can't help but think that we are all irresponsible beings. However this is not always true, there are real good men out there and I would like to encourage them to show it to their sons and the other boys they must interact with. When my first son announced at 5 years old that he wanted to '*be like daddy*' that said a lot to me, about how I live my life in his eyes. As we celebrate the gift of fatherhood I would like share something written by Frederick J. Goodall, on his blog **Mocha Dad**, entitled **7 Traits Of Real Men**. "Over the years," says Goodall "I've discovered seven traits that real men possess:

**Integrity:** Integrity is more than being honest. It's a lifestyle set on striving towards moral excellence. *Real men say what they mean and mean what they say.* They are the same person whether or not others are watching. They are trustworthy, dependable, and unwavering.

**Compassion:** Compassion is sympathetic consciousness of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it. In other words, you feel compelled to help someone who is hurting. Men aren't often viewed as being compassionate, but it is a trait that helps us to become more connected to the people around us. *Real men turn their compassion into service and work to make the world a better place.*

**Confidence:** *Real men are confident.* Many people confuse confidence with arrogance and self-centeredness. Real men know the difference. Confidence is about being self-assured and self-aware. Confident men have faith in their abilities and knowledge. They don't need to tear others down in order to build themselves up. They earn people's trust with their radiant, inner strength. When they walk into the room, everyone takes notice.

**Self-control:** Hardly a day goes by without a news report about some high-profile man who has been destroyed by sex, money, and/or drugs. Too many men lack self-control, but it is the foundation of a virtuous life. Self-control starts with focus and ridding yourself of distractions. Doing this isn't easy because temptations lurk around every corner. *Real men are able to tame their desires and channel that energy into positive pursuits.*

**Perseverance:** Perseverance is the product of self-control. It is courageous resistance against difficult circumstances. Perseverance is only developed through trials. *Real men endure the trials and emerge stronger.* They never give up.

**Bravery:** Bravery is the courage to do what is right regardless of the circumstances. Nothing is ever accomplished with an attitude of passivity. *Real men stand up in the face of adversity.*

**Humility:** Today's breed of young men love to let everyone know how much swagger they have. They thump their chests and proclaim to the world, "I'm a Big Deal. Look at me!" *Real men understand the value of being humble and letting someone else's light shine.* They realize that humility is more endearing than self-importance. Humility indicates that you are ridding yourself of the poison of self-centeredness. Besides, humility softens the blow when someone knocks you off your pedestal."

Many persons will believe that it is not possible for many men to acquire these traits, but the truth be told, many already possess them. For those who are striving for these, it will not happen overnight, but with dedication and perseverance if you start working at one at a time, they can be achieved. Happy Fathers' Day to all Real Men.

*Oral Campbell (Rev.)*