

## Letters From Dad - Introduction Episode #6

If you don't get home tonight, what would your wife or children have in their possession that lets them know how much you love them? How much they mean to you?

You might tell your bride of twenty years everyday as you leave for work, "I love you hun." "See you tonight"  
BUT you don't come home tonight.

Can she hear your voice again? Of course not.  
BUT she could pick up a letter you wrote to her saying how much you loved her and how much she blessed your life while married to her.

Your children could have a letter of blessing from you that your great-great-grandson or granddaughter, whom you will never meet, will read to their children that will let them know how much you loved their great grandmother.

Most men don't write letters. If you dated your wife in college, your wife has all of the notes and letters you sent her when you were dating in college. You as a man, probably could not find any of the wonderful notes she sent you....with the little XXX which signify kisses.

Men find it hard to say mushy things about love BUT they can put the same thoughts and feelings into a letter and let the written word express their desire to communicate how much their family members mean to them....especially their wife and children.

Listen to the words of **Psalm 78:1-7** instructing us to leave a written legacy.

- 1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
- 3 things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.
- 4 We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.
- 5 He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in

- Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children,  
6 that the next generation might know them, the children yet  
unborn, and arise and tell them to their children,  
7 so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the  
works of God, but keep his commandments;

What is the **Purpose** of Letters from Dad ministry? - Helping you leave a Written Legacy of Faith, Hope, and Love

to your:

Wife, Son, Daughter, Father, Mother, Sister,

Brother, grandchildren, great grandchildren

Our **Mission** is expressed in Malachi 4:6 which states:

“Turning the Hearts of the Fathers to Their Children  
and  
The Hearts of the Children to Their Fathers”

Our **Goal** is:

To help men become purposeful and creative in leaving a Godly legacy to their wife, their brothers, their sisters, their parents if living, their children and their children’s children.

Definition of the word “Blessing.”

“It is the unmerited, undeserved favor of God.” (**Proverbs 10:22**)

Three Biblical Principles concerning the blessings of God.

1. We are to ASK for the blessings of God. (**2 Tim. 1:2-4**)

2 To Timothy, my beloved son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day,

4 longing to see you, even as I recall your tears, so that I may be filled with joy

We are to ask for His FAVOR  
We are to ask for His POWER  
We are to ask for His PROTECTION

2. We are to RECOGNIZE the blessings of God. We need to cultivate a thankful heart. **Psalm 127:3** “Don’t you see that children are God’s best gift?”

3. We are to RECEIVE the blessings of God. The three prerequisites to do this are:

A. Fear and Revere God. (**Prov. 1:7**)

7      The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;  
Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

B. Trust God. (**Prov. 3:5-6**)

5      Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
And do not lean on your own understanding.

6      In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
And He will make your paths straight.

C. Obey God (**Luke 11:28**)

28      But He said, “On the contrary, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.”

**Malachi 3:10:**

“Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of Heaven and pour out so much blessings that you will not have room enough for it.”

God wants us to give Him our:

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|------------------------|-------|--------|-------|----------------|
| Time                   | Money | Talent | Heart | Service to Him |
| Share Gospel purposely |       |        |       |                |

So, how do we get started in writing letters of blessing to our blood relatives or good friends that have invested in your life and blessed your life. Go to [mayishare.com](http://mayishare.com) and register for our next Letters from Dad zoom seminar. The first 30 registrants will be put in the Letters from Dad Zoom class. The class is divided into 3 seminars. All classes are on Monday evening July 18th, 25th and August 1st, my birthday. The meeting will start sharply at 8:00pm EST. The goal will be to dismiss the class around 9:20PM. Discussion usually gets deep in thought.

## Session One —

1. - Video of men who wrote letters to their mother, father, son, daughter, wife, or grandparents. These videos will tease your heart to want to become involved. I will tell stories of the effectiveness of “writing letters of blessing” to those we love. The first video is of Greg Vaughn, who wrote the book, “Letters from Dad” and presented this ministry in thousands of churches.

2. Session Two will give you step by step templates to writing blessing letters to a specific family member. Your wife, your son, your daughter or perhaps a parent. A template will be utilized to help you start to write your letter this session. Templates will be on [mayishare.com](http://mayishare.com) website which you can download previous to doing the three sessions.

3.- Session Three will allow us to go around the room and tell our other Christian Brothers the struggles we had writing a specific family member, perhaps one with conflict in the past relationship. Others may express they still have fear in writing to a certain family member which will give all of us an opportunity to pray with them.

You owe it to yourself to join the first session of Letters from Dad July 18, July 25, and August 1st at 8:00pm EST. Sessions will be recorded in case you miss one of the sessions.

Please go to [mayishare.com](http://mayishare.com) and click on Letters from Dad registration. First thirty men will be assigned to July 18th at 8:00pm EST. Next thirty men will be placed in the next Letters from Dad course in the fall of 2022,

## **Podcast #6 for [mayishare.com](http://mayishare.com) website - PART TWO - Protocol**

Letter writing protocol - This is on the [mayishare.com](http://mayishare.com) website if you wish to write a letter of blessing to a blood relative without going through the Letters From Dad zoom course consisting of three evenings of 1 hour 20 minutes. Use this outline to help you create your letter of blessing to your selected loved one.

**PRAY BEFORE STARTING YOUR LETTER THAT GOD WILL GIVE YOU GOOD RECALL ABOUT THE PERSON YOU HAVE SELECTED TO WRITE A BLESSING LETTER.**

Pick one of three recipients (Wife, child, parent) to write your letter of blessing.

- 2) Look at suggested outline and write bullets with topic ideas about the individual - Writing Paper supplied
- 3) Use sub-bullets if other thoughts come into your mind
- 4) Use following phrase often. "You were a blessing to me when \_\_\_\_\_"
- 5) Remember you are building your legacy by writing this letter. Your children, grand children, and great-great grandchildren will read what you are writing today
- 6) Refer to the A-Z (Separate Sheet) Blessing Letter Sheet for suggestions of phrases that can be used to make your letter special
- 7) Refer to the Adjectives (Separate Sheet) to assist you in writing your letter of blessing if needed to make your letter special

Items to think about when writing letter to your wife

Explain letter is an assignment given for men in the "Letters from Dad" ministry.

Explain mission statement - Malachi 4:6: "Turning the hearts of the Fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers"

Why I want to write this letter to you. My heart is telling me....

How I felt when I first saw you and met you

Remember our first date

When did I know I really loved you and wanted to ask you to be my wife

What were my dreams for you when we first got married

What I felt when you first became pregnant

How did I feel when first child was born

How did accepting Christ or rededicating my life change how I felt toward you.

How did I learn to love you deeply

Proverbs 31:28 - "Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband also, and he praises her, saying" Many daughters have done nobly, But you excel them all".....Why your children are blessed

Why you are my best friend and confident

Future dreams together will be so exciting

Items to think about when writing letter to your child

Explain mission statement - Malachi 4:6 "Turning the hearts of the Fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers"

Why I want to write this letter to you. Assignment form "Letters from Dad" ministry.

What I felt when you were born

How I felt watching you first roll over, take first steps, walk, go to school first day, high school challenges, college experiences

How I felt the day you told me you felt you had found your helpmate  
How I felt the day you got married  
Day your first child was born  
How I prayed when \_\_\_\_\_  
How you have been a blessing to mom and me when \_\_\_\_\_

Items to think about when writing letter to your mother/father  
Explain mission statement - Malachi 4:6 "Turning the hearts of the Fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers"  
Why I want to write this letter to you. Assignment form "Letters from Dad" ministry.  
Thoughts that went through my mind when I was given this assignment.  
Things I remember as a child that were memorable to me about you. Thanks for

\_\_\_\_\_  
Things I remember about Junior High School and High School. Thanks for

\_\_\_\_\_  
What I felt like leaving home on trips when younger or in High School. Things I remembered you told me about those trips \_\_\_\_\_  
What went through my mind when I left for college or moved into an apartment away from home. Thanks for \_\_\_\_\_  
How I felt when I got married and moved away.  
How I felt when your first grandchild was born. He/she looked like \_\_\_\_\_  
Thanks for your advice on different jobs I have had and advice on getting a new job \_\_\_\_\_  
List of legacy memories you left me and my children  
Spiritual memories I remember while still at home with you.  
How I feel God has changed my life since accepting Christ as my Savior. Thanks for \_\_\_\_\_

Go to the [mayishare.com](http://mayishare.com) website to get the suggested protocol which you can print off. Other tools are also on the website to give you suggestions and stir your memory about things you may have forgotten but you remembered looking at the protocol material.

Let's Get started

Pray

Be quiet

Pick the person you will write your letter

Make bullets - at least 6 bullets or areas you want to expand about the person

Use the bullets as memory joggers - when you were a child, as a teenager, as an adult, as a husband, or how you felt the pressure of becoming the man of the house and those responsibilities. Would you fulfill God's plan for a husband and/or God's plan for a father? Most of us were scared of the assignment.

Then.....take a separate piece of paper if hand writing. If you will be using your computer, advance your word document so that you keep the bullets and then write a paragraph under the bullet

Study the bullet paragraphs. Change wording to better say what your heart is telling you. Now, start to tell a story about how much this person influenced and blessed your life.

Write letter and review and review. Sleep on the letter. Review again the next day. Pray asking God to change certain wording that will best received in 50 years.

Use words in the presentation that show your heart. Put a lot of feeling in each thought. Remember, your words will be read by your great grandchild that you may never meet. Your words express your heart and love to the person receiving your letter.

Make it a special occasion presenting the letter to your loved one that blessed your life or is still blessing your life.

Get good thick stationary and make font size large enough that if someone wears glasses they don't have to strain to re-read your letter. I say re-read as I am going to suggest, if at all possible, you give this person your special letter and present it to them in person; asking them to read it out loud to you.

If possible, present in a location that the two of you are alone so the full effect can be felt by both the giver and receiver of the letter.

Some men, however, will write letters to their wife and their children and have certain family members in the same room such as being at home after Christmas Eve service. While enjoying a cup of cocoa or coffee, they put the first person in a nice comfortable chair asking them to read it out loud to the entire group. Have lots of facial tissues as tears, including your own, will flow.

The person who will get the second letter, now sits in the rocking chair and reads the letter you wrote to them.....more facial tissues will be needed.

God will use this in the life of the person you are blessing. God will bless you for doing this “Letters from Dad” assignment. God will bless other family members that hear what you had to say about them as well as the other family members. God will bless your great- great grandchildren that will read your letter.

Contact me at anytime with any questions by using [dukeheller@mayishare.com](mailto:dukeheller@mayishare.com). I look forward to your questions.