

Letters from Dad

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Session One

Tell the Coming Generation

Psalm 78:1-7

- 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,*
- 6 *which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, 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;*

Purpose - 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:

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

Malachi 4:6

Our Goal:

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)

Biblical Principals concerning the blessings of God.

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?”*

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:

Time Money Talent Heart Service to Him

Share Gospel purposely

View various videos showing benefits of participating in “Letters from Dad.”

Letter writing protocol

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

- 1) **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, grandchildren, and great grandchildren will read what you are writing today

Items to think about when writing letter to your **wife**

- Explain letter is an assignment by Ministry for men called “Letters from Dad”
- 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 her 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

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
- 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
- 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 the 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 _____

Let's Get started

Pray

Be quiet

Pick person you will write letter

Make bullets - at least 6 bullets

Then.....

Separate piece of paper - Write paragraph for each bullet

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