

Marriage Mathematics

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?"

"Sixteen," the boy responded. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" "Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the preacher said, 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer – that's sixteen!"



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Only a Dad

Only a dad with a tired face,
Coming home from the daily race,
Bringing little of gold or fame
To show how well he has played the
game;
But glad in his heart that his own
rejoice
To see him come and to hear his
voice.

Only a dad, neither rich nor proud,
Merely one of the surging crowd,
Toiling, striving from day to day,
Facing whatever may come his way,
Silent whenever the harsh condemn,
And bearing it all for the love of them.

Only a dad but he gives his all,
To smooth the way for his children
small,
Doing with courage stern and grim
The deeds that his father did for him.
This is the line that for him I pen:
Only a dad, **but the best of men.**

By Edgar A. Guest (1916)

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**Days go better when
we give a bit of our
heart rather than a
piece of or mind!**

Join us each Sunday for Worship...



3 p.m. worship and praise

22243 Allan Road (@Adelaide Road) South of Mt Brydges

Thot: "A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."

~ Billy Graham

Say what?

Science teacher: When is the boiling point reached?

Science student: When my father sees my report card!

Joe: What does your father do for a living?

Jon: He's a magician. He performs tricks, like sawing people in half.

Joe: Do you have any brothers or sisters?

Jon: Yep, four half-sisters and a half-brother.

Son: For \$20, I'll be good.

Dad: Oh, yeah? When I was your age, I was good for nothing.

Dan: I made a bad mistake today and gave my dad some soap flakes instead of corn flakes for breakfast.

Jan: Was he mad?

Dan: He sure was. He was foaming at the mouth!



Where Christ is cherished, family is loved and everyone is family!

Jasper & the Broom

Jasper, a little boy, was playing outdoors. He used his mother's broom as a horse and had a wonderful time until it got dark. When he returned home, he left the broom the back porch. His mother was cleaning up the kitchen when she realized that her broom was missing so she asked Jasper about it and he told her where it was. She then asked him to please go get it. Jasper informed his mother he was afraid of the dark and didn't want to go out to get the broom. His mother smiled and said, 'The Lord is out there too, don't be afraid.' Jasper then opened the back door a little, looked out and tentatively said, 'Lord, since you're out there, please pass me the broom, I'm afraid to go out in the dark.'



Something to Think About...

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" ~ 1 John 3:1

I came across the story of a Professor of Theology who was visiting Gatlinburg, Tennessee with his wife. As you read this story consider how we are blessed that God loves us and has called us His children. One morning, they went for breakfast, hoping to enjoy a quiet meal. While they were waiting for their food, they noticed a distinguished looking, white haired man moving from table to table, visiting with the guests. The professor leaned over and whispered to his wife, "I hope he doesn't come over here." But sure enough, the man did come over to their table.

On discovering the guest was a professor who prepared pastors for ministry, the white haired man proceeded to tell him a story. "Not far from here, there was a boy born to an unwed mother. He had a hard time growing up, because every place he went, he was always asked, "Hey boy, who's your daddy?" Whether at school, in the grocery store or drug store, people would ask, "Who's your daddy?" He'd avoid going into stores because that question hurt him so much.

When he was about 12, a new preacher came to his church. One day, the new preacher, not knowing anything about the young man, put his hand out and asked him, "Son, who's your daddy?" The whole church got deathly quiet. Now everyone would finally know the answer to the, question, "Who's your daddy?" The new preacher, though, having sensed the situation around him and using

discernment that only the Holy Spirit could give, said, "Wait a minute! I know who you are. I see the family resemblance now. You are a child of God!" With that he patted the boy on his shoulder and said, "Boy, you've got a great inheritance. Go and claim it."

The boy smiled for the first time in a long time and walked out the door a changed person. Whenever anybody asked him, "Who's your Daddy?" he'd just tell them, "I'm a child of God." As the man turned to leave, he said, "You know, if that new preacher hadn't told me that I was one of God's children, I probably would never have amounted to anything!" And he walked away.

The seminary professor and his wife were stunned. He asked the waitress, "Do you know that man who just left who was sitting at our table?" The waitress grinned and said, "Sure. Everybody here knows him. That's Ben Hooper. He's the former governor of Tennessee!"

What a difference one person can make in our lives! We may never know the trail of encouragement and direction we leave behind us but we can be certain that others will be blessed. Perhaps you're a Sunday School teacher or you tutor young minds. Or maybe you're a father giving all you have to raise a child in the way he should go. Remember we all have a loving, caring father as our God.

For years I've said, "The best way to teach your children anything, is to model it." Others say the same thing - children learn how to behave and how to speak by looking at the significant adults in their life. If you want your children to be honest, then you be honest. If you want them to be kind to others, then you demonstrate kindness regularly. Modeling's the best way to teach character and virtue to your children — and there's no exception to that rule!

As a child of God we know that God our Father teaches His children how He wants us to live in the same way. He instructs us not only in His written Word, but He models for us all of the traits of goodness and righteousness He wants to instill in us through His Son Jesus. It's unfortunate that many on Father's Day will not have an earthly father to look up to but we can all thank our eternal Father for His great love. What a difference it will make!

Mark your Calendar...

Sun June 4th – **Communion**
Mondays 3:30–5p.m. Bible Study and Prayer "Hebrews"
Sunday June 18th – Father's Day
Sunday June 25th 2:30p.m. –
Mt Brydges Cemetery Service
at Community Christian Centre