

WARM-UP

- How do you feel when someone gives you a gift? What is your response?
- What is one thing you admire about your father?
- Did you ever have to invest time to know more about a certain topic? What happened?

WORD *¹Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways! ²You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you. ³Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. ⁴Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.*

PSALM 128:1-4

(Read also **PSALM 128:5,6.**)

God called parents as stewards of their family, to lead their children in the way of the Lord. But because our world is fallen, there are many challenges when it comes to living a godly life and leading a godly family. These are possible for those who fear the Lord, which stems from a knowledge and understanding of who He is. If we truly know, understand, and fear God, we will obey Him and walk in His ways. And as we seek and follow Him, His blessings will also come and overtake us (Deuteronomy 28:2). Today, we will look at how God blesses a father who fears and obeys Him.

1 | God blesses the work life of a father who fears Him.

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²You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you. PSALM 128:1,2

The fear of the Lord will affect every area of a father's life. It will affect his thinking and even his attitude at home and at work. It will give him wisdom in many forms (Psalm 111:10). He will not labor in vain because he has God at the center of his household. He will enjoy the works of his hands because his actions will be motivated by his desire to obey and please God. In your own walk with God, what can you do to live a life of obedience to Him? What does Proverbs 2:1-6 say about how we can understand the fear of the Lord and grow in our knowledge of Him?

2 | God blesses the family of a father who fears Him.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. PSALM 128:3

A father who fears the Lord will live a fruitful life that will encourage his household to do the same and bring joy to his home. His home will flourish because his example will motivate even the generations after him to grow in their relationship with God and bear fruit. In your own household, what can you do to show your obedience to God? What does Matthew 5:16 say about how we can set a good example for others?

APPLICATION

- How has your knowledge of God as your Father helped you walk in obedience to Him? What can you do to continually give Him the honor and reverence He deserves?
- Do you believe that God can use you to set a good example for others as you lead a fruitful and productive life? How can you help your family or friends have a deeper understanding of who God is so they can also fear and obey Him?
- How can you be a blessing to the next generation? What can you do to help them grow, mature, and bear fruit?

