



Scripture for the week of June 20: HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!

This week will not be Scriptures from just one book of the Bible but several Scriptures reminding us about how Fathers should live. Whether you are a Father or a child, I pray the Scriptures this week will remind you all how we should live and how we should be connected to God through His Word.

Sunday, June 20:

Scripture: Read Jeremiah 17:7: "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord. And whose hope is the Lord."

Questions to: Do you believe that it is important for all of us to trust in the Lord and to place our hope in the Lord? Do you see you will be blessed if you do this? Are you willing to get yourself to a place where you do this more consistently? Fathers, do you believe this is an important thing to teach your children?

Prayer: Lord, I need Your help to be more trusting of You and to put my hope in You. Show me how to be consistent in these things and to better understand what this means for my life.

Monday, June 21:

Scripture: Read Proverbs 20:7: "The righteous who walks in his integrity – blessed are his children after him!"

Questions: Do you see the importance of walking in integrity? Do you know that another definition of integrity besides being honest is "the state of being whole and undivided"? How well do you do at these? What do you need to work on?

Prayer: Lord God, help me to be a person of integrity. Sometimes it is easier than other times. Remind me of Your word and how I should act so that I can live and have others look at my life and say there is _____ a person of integrity.

Tuesday, June 22:

Scripture: Read Psalm 103:13: "A Father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."

Questions: Fathers, how well do you do in having compassion on your children? Does the reminder that the Lord has compassion on you change your way of thinking of how you should treat your children? Don't you think this is a great reminder to everyone, not just Fathers?

Prayer: Lord, show me how to be more compassionate to my children and others. Sometimes this can be hard but bring to remembrance Your word and how You are to me and help me to be that way to others.

Wednesday, June 23:

Scripture: Read Ephesians 6:4: "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."

Questions: Fathers, how do you do at not provoking your children to anger? Others, how do you do at this? Don't you think we all should try not to provoke our children or even others you come into contact with, to anger? Will this

be a struggle for you? Do you recognize the importance of raising up others in the discipline and instruction of the Lord? **Prayer:** Lord I understand that anyone provoking another to anger is wrong. I don't want to be a person like that so provide me with Your Spirit's guidance as I deal with others. Teach me how to be more loving to others. Give me boldness to show others the importance of raising up others in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Thursday, June 24:

Scripture: Read Proverbs 22:6: "Dedicate your children to God and point them in the way that they should go, and the values they've learned from you will be with them for life."

Questions: Parents, do you recognize the importance of dedicating your children to God and pointing them in the way that they should go? Do you understand that this way comes from God's word and truth? Don't you think that this is a great thing for your children to know?

Prayer: Lord, even at this point in my life, I dedicate my children to You. Bless them Lord and draw them to You so that they can know the values of living according to Your word.

Friday, June 25:

Scripture: Read Joshua 1:9: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Questions: Isn't this another great reminder for Fathers, children, Mothers and anyone who is following the Lord? How well do you do at being strong and courageous, trusting that God is with you no matter what? What can you do to live your life in such a way that you believe this completely?

Prayer: Lord, sometimes I struggle with this even though I know this Scripture well. I do want to live a life where I can be strong and courageous even in the midst of any struggle I am going through. Reveal Yourself to me clearly when I need to be reminded that You are with me no matter what.

Saturday, June 26:

Scripture: Read Genesis 18:19: "For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him."

Questions: Do you recognize the importance of raising your children in your household to keep the way of the Lord? Do you understand that the Lord desires to fulfill His promises to you but only if you keep the way of the Lord and do righteousness and justice? How well are you doing these things?

Prayer: Lord God, I desire to receive all the promises You have for me. Show me how to better raise my children, no matter what age, so that they too can keep the way of the Lord and receive the promises You have for them as well.