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INTRODUCTION:

I hope my children never get tired of hearing me say: *'this is something my dad taught me'* because the memories of my father cross my mind frequently when I'm working with them. I can hardly imagine teaching a grandson how to sharpen a knife without saying *'this is something my dad taught me'*. How could I teach one how to drive a nail or cut a bush or kill a snake or shoot a rifle without saying; *'this is something my dad taught me'*? Oh, the memories and the pleasures I receive from them.

My father taught me how to carve my way through life with my hands and to take care of myself through hard work, but the lessons didn't stop there. A strong arm and a 'rod of correction' made a believer out of me and the impressions have lasted a long time. I am still motivated by the lessons I learned 'out by the woodshed', if you know what I mean.

Morals are important and a father's hand can make lasting impressions when applied correctly. But when a child moves on to higher education and the lessons are perceived in his heart he can truly honor his father. I have always wanted to honor my father, even though he has been in Heaven for many years.

Honoring my heavenly Father is even more important to me now. He has spoken to my heart and taught even more great lessons. Here are some from His Sermon On The Mount and elsewhere.

I. Matt 4:7 ***Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.***

He taught me not ask Him to do things He does not want to do but first, I had to learn what I could about His way of thinking and doing things. I saw how He rebuked Satan over this request so I will refrain from asking Him to do stupid things.

Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. (Matt 4:5-6)

II. Matt 4:10 ***Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.***

My Father taught me to believe He is God and that He can do anything He wants to do with the power of His might. Now I believe He is God and there is none other.

I can't imagine bowing to any high-minded individual as Satan or some weakling who bears his traits.

A. I worship Him (bow to Him) because of Who He is.

B. I worship Him because of what He has done.

C. I worship Him because of what He has promised.

III. Matt 5:21 ***Thou shalt not kill;***

My Father taught me to view killings as the deepest form of hatred.

A. Taking a life is opposite of what my Father does. He gives life!

B. Taking a life denies an individual the opportunity to serve my Father.

(Parable) **Matt 13:27-29**

the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

IV. Matt 5:27 ***Thou shalt not commit adultery:***

My Father taught me that every man should have his own wife.

A. It is wrong to divorce. **(Mark 10:6-12)**

6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;

8 And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.

9 What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

10 And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter.

B. It is wrong to desire another man's wife. **(Matt 5:28)**

But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

V. Matt 5:33 ***Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:***

A. My Father taught me that my allegiance belongs to Him.

Matt 14:6-10 (Herein lies the strength of an oath).

6 But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod.

7 Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask.

8 And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger.

9 And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded it to be given her.

10 And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.

B. We ought to obey God. **(Acts 5:29-32)**

29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

30 *The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.*

31 *Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.*

32 *And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.*

VI. Matt 5:43 ***Thou shalt love thy neighbour.***

My Father taught me to give proper respect to my neighbor. (Eph 4:23-29)

A. *And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;*

B. *24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*

C. *25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.*

D. *26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:*

E. *27 Neither give place to the devil.*

F. *28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the*

G. *thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.*

H. *29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the*

I.. *use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.*

VII. Matt 6:5 ***Thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are:***

My Father taught me to be true to myself and to not be a pretender.

A. *when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. (Matt 6:2)*

B. *when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: (Matt 6:5)*

VIII. Matt 12:37 ***By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.***

My Father taught me to think my words are important.

A. I cannot guarantee anything. I can only give my word. We should be careful to not promise more than we can deliver or to do more than we're willing to give.

But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.
(Matt 5:37)

B. God gave to me a voice to speak His Word and that is what I shall do. **(Rom 10:13-15)**

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

IX. Matt 19:18 ***Thou shalt not bear false witness,***

My Father taught me that I should not team up with others to verify a lie. **(Deut 19:15)**

One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

X. Matt 19:19 ***Honour thy father and thy mother:***

My Father taught me respect and to exalt my parents at all times. **(Eph 6:1)**

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

XI. Matt 22:37 ***Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.***

My Father taught me that my love for Him should exceed my love for anything or anybody. **(Luke 14:26-27)**

26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

XII. My Father Called Me To Preach And Taught Me What I Should Say (Mark 16:15-16)

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

CONCLUDING THO 'T:

My dad taught his children to choose our friends well and not to hang around people who were doing 'bad things'.

EXAMPLES: He taught: if you get caught with thieves, you'll be tagged as one of them."

I made my choice as to whom I wanted to run with. I'm still concerned with my choices. I love hanging around Godly people and those who speak a language I understand.

It is extremely important that other people's bad habits do not rub off on me or you.

Get in and stay in close communion with God