



CHALLENGES: A FATHER'S LEGACY

PRECEPT

Romans 8:28

²⁸And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

PROMISE

Mothers protect us from challenges, while fathers push us through challenges. The truth is that all fathers shape us through challenges. Let us celebrate and appreciate our fathers for the challenge to improve, manage, and forgive.

CHALLENGE TO IMPROVE. Our fathers challenge us because of our behaviour, and they sometimes encourage us to overcome the obstacles life throws at us. Proverbs 3:11-12 says, "My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights." In this verse, God disciplines us because we have gone astray and will allow our negative consequences to bite us back. God encourages us to overcome the challenges of the world.

CHALLENGE TO MANAGE. One defining feature about fathers that makes them distinct from our mothers is that they allow challenges to happen to their kids. Proverbs 13:22 tells us, "A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous." Fathers have provided for us, taught us valuable lessons, and protected us. Because of that, they have bought us time. How will you manage your time? Will you repay his sacrifice with laziness and complaints, or will you do something productive and make your father proud?

CHALLENGE TO FORGIVE. Luke 23:34 says, "Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.'" In a world full of darkness, you are children of light. The truth is Jesus offers forgiveness to all. We need to be careful; we don't want to get stuck in a self-pity party, hatred, blaming our past for our present behaviours, only focus on our pains. Unable to move forward. Start the process of forgiveness so that you can move on. Don't pass the generation curse. Ephesians 4:32 tells us, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Recognize that our love is limited and must depend on God's limitless love. Offer forgiveness to your fathers and have compassion on them. Understand they are human just like us, they also have been abused. We don't know what pains, shame, guilt, and hardships they have gone through. Matthew 6:14-15 says, "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

PRACTICE

1. **Challenges.** What's the best advice your father gave you?

2. **Father's Legacy.** What's the most significant challenge you've overcome? What did you learn from it?

PRAYER

I. Faith

- May the Lord increase our faith & trust in Him.

II. Ministries

- Pray that God will empower all of our ministries with His strength, grace, and guidance.

III. Life Sports

- Thank God for a healthy body, abilities, and the gift of sports.

IV. Life Kids

- Pray for more dedicated volunteer & for our children to encounter God.

V. Life Link

- Pray that our ushers will serve our brethren filled with the Holy Spirit.

VI. Life Worship

- May their talents glorify God & inspire others to draw near to Him.

VII. Life Line

- Pray that God will speak to His people through our postings on social media.