**Father’s Day - Ponderings**

**For God said, Honor your father and your mother.  
*(St. Matthew 15:4)***

**I am my Father are one. *(St. John 10:30)***

**Do you not believe that I am with my Father**

**and my Father is with me?**

**The words that I speak, I do not speak of myself;**

**but my Father who abides with me does these works.**

***(St. John 14:10)***

**See what love the father has given us,**

**that we should be called children of God;**

**and that is what we are.**

***(1 John 3:1)***

**When a father, absent during the day, returns home at six, his children receive only his temperament, not his teaching. *(Robert Bly)***

**It is admirable for a man to take his son fishing, but there is a special place in heaven for the father who takes his daughter shopping. *(John Sinor, in San Diego Tribune)***

**An angry father is most cruel toward himself. *(Publilius Syrus, in Moral Sayings)***

**Our children give us many things, but an increase in our average daily happiness is probably not among them. Rather than deny that fact, we should celebrate it. Our ability to love beyond all measure those who try our patience and weary our bones is at once our most noble and most human quality. The fact that children don’t always make us happy -- and that we’re happy to have them nonetheless -- is the fact for which Sonora Smart Dodd was so grateful. She thought we would all do well to remember it, every third Sunday in June. *(Daniel Gilbert, in Time magazine)***

**A father carries pictures where his money used to be. *(Anonymous)***

**Throughout His earthly sojourn it is moving to note how often Christ referred to His Father. He saw Himself as here on earth completing His Father’s will, carrying on His Father’s work, complying with His Father’s wishes, conversing quietly with His Father, while all the time making His way gently toward His Father’s home. *(W. Phillip Keller)*I grew up to have my father's looks -- my father's speech patterns -- my father's posture -- my father's walk -- my father's opinions and my mother's contempt for my father. *(Jules Feiffer)*  
  
The fundamental and unresolvable contradiction in the male nature is that no father of 40 wants his daughter to do what he wanted other men's daughters to do when he was 20. *(Thomas LaMance, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**Dad didn’t tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it. *(Clarence Budington Kelland)***

**A father is a man who expects his son to be as good a man as he meant to be. *(Frank A. Clark, Register and Tribune Syndicate)*  
There are some extraordinary fathers, who seem, during the whole course of their lives, to be giving their children reasons for being consoled at their death. *(La Bruyere, in Characters)*  
A father who encourages his boy to follow in his footsteps has probably forgotten a few. *(Quote Magazine)*My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person. He believed in me. *(Jim Valvano)***

**Dad, you’re someone to look up to no matter how tall I’ve grown. *(Anonymous)***

**Manual labor to my father was not only good and decent for its own sake, but as he was given to saying, it straightened out one’s thoughts.  
*(Mary Ellen Chase)***

**The worst misfortune that can happen to an ordinary man is to have an extraordinary father. *(O’Malley Austin)***

**The modern boy would rather follow in his dad’s tire tracks than in his footprints. *(Quoted by Leo Aikman, in Atlanta Constitution)***

**One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters. *(George Herbert)***

**It is impossible to please the entire world, and one’s father. *(Jean de la Fontaine)***

**It doesn’t matter who my father was; it matters who I remember he was. *(Anne Sexton, in The Poet’s Story)***

**What a father says to his children is not heard by the world; but it will be heard by posterity. *(Jean Paul Richter)***

**There are three stages in a man's life: “My Daddy can whip your Daddy.” “Aw, Dad, you don't know anything.” “My father used to say....” *(Dwight McSmith)***

**There’s something like a line of gold thread coming through a man’s words when he talks to his daughter, and gradually over the years it gets to be long enough for you to pick up in your hands and weave into a cloth that feels like love itself. *(John Gregory Brown)***

**Life was a lot simpler when what we honored was father and mother rather than all major credit cards. *(Robert Orben)***

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