

The NT instructs fathers to be the head of the house (Eph. 5:23), and to be responsible for the raising of the children in the discipline and admonition of the Lord (Eph. 6:4). It is a very important responsibility. But fatherhood has its rewards too. To see one's children walking faithfully in the Lord is a great feeling of accomplishment for fathers (2Jn. 4). In honor of all fathers, this week, I give you the following poem (author unknown). Please read it and take it to heart.

*I may never be as clever as my neighbor down the street
I may never be as wealthy as some other men I meet
I may never have the glory that some other men have had
But I've got to be successful as a little fellow's dad.*

*Certain dreams I cherish, that I'd like to see come true
Certain things to accomplish, ere my working time is through
But the task my heart is set on, is to guide a little lad
And to make myself successful, as that little fellow's dad.*

*I may never have earth's glory, I may never gather gold
Men may count be a failure, when my business life is told
But if he who follows after, is a Christ, I'll be glad
For I'll know I've been successful as a little fellow's dad.*

The world desperately needs Christian fathers to make the home a strong, stable, and spiritual place. Your contribution to your children in setting an example of Christian leadership will never be forgotten or go unrewarded. I am in praise of Christian fathers!

See you Sunday!

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