Ray Higgins lists the following things for fathers. While some men will not do each role listed below and some they may do in harmful ways. May each Christian father strive to do the following in the will of God.

- 10. Accept your children as they are and enjoy them for their own individual personalities.
- 9. Teach your children how to compete and cooperate while avoiding a winner-loser mentality.
- 8. Help your children to learn to anticipate dangers, but don't be so over-protective that they grow up unable to be independent and take risks.
- 7. Children need to have boundaries in their lives. Be careful not to set these limits either too conservatively or too liberally.
- 6. Use every opportunity as a teaching session for your children's knowledge of life-skills.
- 5. Nurturing is not anti-masculine. Show them that men can be kind and tender to everyone they meet.
- 4. It is one thing to "bring home the bacon" but far more important to "bring up the kids." Providing for spiritual needs should be the first priority.
- 3. Father as a male. Children mean something different when they say "Dad" than when they say "Mom" and both are important. The strong male role gives security and strength to children.
- 2. A passive father fails in equipping his children properly, while an authoritarian leader shows a misuse of power for selfish reasons. Lead from a position of servitude.
- 1. Children are made in the image God, but need Bible teaching to help them see their need to become a Christian when they are ready. Teach them while they are young, and when they are ready, they will tell you.

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!