

Father's Day Gifts

Today is Father's Day! Will all the father's in the place please stand? Let's give these guys a hand. Thank God for fathers! Some of you have fathers still living and others of you your father has gone. Yet living or passed we celebrate their lives today.

What gifts do we get for our fathers? CNN ran a story the other day and listed out the various things we will get for fathers. I was surprised that the most popular gift was a day out. This year consumers will spend about 2.6 billion dollars on a gift like baseball tickets or a family meal. Most are buying dad a gift card for a total of 1.8 billion in spending. We will spend another \$1.7 billion on clothing and \$1.6 on electronics. **It is projected that we will spend almost 13 billion dollars showing love for our fathers.**

How much love do you show for your heavenly Father when it comes to the offering? As I ask that question I am not trying to lay a guilt trip upon you. I simply want you to think about whether your gift is a thoughtful gift or just something you throw in the plate or basket. We need to realize that the offering is a time that we show our heavenly Father the same honor we are giving our earthly fathers today.

In the Living Bible Proverbs 3:9 says, **“Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns...”** What we give shows whether or not we truly honor God. So just as we pause today to give honor and tribute to our earthly fathers with a gift let's pause and give our heavenly Father a gift with the first part of our incomes.