

## Fathers Day The Blessing

*"I am now an old man & don't know the day of my death. Now then, get your weapons - your quiver & bow - & go out to the open country to hunt some wild game for me. Prepare me the kind of tasty food I like & bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my blessing before I die."*

### I. THE FIRST INGREDIENT WAS A \_\_\_\_\_.

It's important to do that in our homes, too. When children are very small you can't communicate love with words because they don't understand words yet. But the best way to communicate love to a very small child is to demonstrate it by touching them, cuddling them, & holding them close. No matter what the age, I think it is important to continue to communicate love & acceptance & affection in some meaningful way to your children

### II. THE SECOND INGREDIENT WAS A SPOKEN MESSAGE OF \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field. . ."*

It was a compliment, a positive message that communicated his love and affection.

You see, too often parents are quick to criticize, quickly to remind their children of all ages of their mistakes. Parents are quick to speak words of criticism that really don't accomplish much at all. But it's more important to communicate love through words that say, "You're worth something. You're such a good little boy or girl. I'm glad that God gave you to us. Father's Day is special just because you're here."

Those are words that communicate acceptance & love. And they need to be spoken over & over again, even when our children stumble & fall. Don't wait until the last minute to do it.

### III. THE THIRD INGREDIENT WAS THE ATTRIBUTING OF A \_\_\_\_\_.

*"May God give you of heaven's dew & of earth's richness - an abundance of grain & new wine."* He's saying, "You're special, so God will give you the best He has to give."

But it's not just by words. We teach high value in a number of ways to our kids. A lot of times when a child comes to us, we're so busy, we have one eye on the TV and one eye on them, and we can't concentrate on what they're saying.

So when a child comes to talk to you, turn off the radio or TV set. Lay aside the newspaper and look them in the eye. Look your child in the eye and when you do that your action are saying, you're worth something. You're more important to me than the ballgame or newspaper. You're an extremely valuable part of our family. I'm glad God gave you to us. And whenever you have something you need to talk about, I'm here to listen to you."

### IV. THE FOURTH INGREDIENT WAS THE PICTURING OF A \_\_\_\_\_.

Isaac says to Jacob, *"May nations serve you & peoples bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, & may the sons of your mother bow down to you. May those who curse you be cursed & those who bless you be blessed."*

Isaac is helping him to raise his sights & see that his future is bright with the Lord in it....