

Daddy Taught Me To Fit In

By Van Yandell
Proverbs 1: 8-9 “My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.”

Normally when I think of the many things my dad taught me, I think of plumbing, electrical and carpentry skills. Teaching me to fit in was one lesson at which he was, in most cases, unsuccessful. I just never saw the point.

One day we were installing the electrical system in a new house build in a neighboring county. I was about twelve years old. By then he had taught me how to wire in switches, receptacles and light fixtures.

While wiring in a switch in a bathroom, suddenly the 115 volt AC current ran through my unsuspecting body. I probably uttered a few phrases inappropriate for a good little Christian boy to say. Dad came into the room to check on (or reprimand) me.

He laughed and nonchalantly said, “That low voltage won’t hurt you” but I certainly could not agree with him. Numerous times since then I’ve gotten in touch with that voltage and it still hurts but it hasn’t killed me yet. Yes, I learned a very important lesson that day;

check the power before handling the copper.

Daddy forced me to go to church. At that age I’d much rather have been fishing but he had a different opinion and only his opinion mattered in this case. As the years passed, I realized he was right to make me go and I now appreciate him doing that.

To raise a child in church may at time seem like an up-hill battle but in the long term, it’s well worth the ordeal. It’s amazing how much smarter our dads are when we hit that twenty-five year old point.

Some of the lessons we learn from our fathers are unspoken. By observation we learn as much or more than by other methods, both good and bad. Fortunately, flat phones didn’t exist then so I had to pay attention because at times, there wasn’t anything else to do.

One very valuable lesson he taught me was, when on the job, if one completes a designated task, do not sit down. Look around for something productive to do. On a carpentry or plumbing job there is always plenty to do. Grab a broom if nothing else.

Also, to prepare for a second vocation is just common sense and like an insurance policy. The first one could go belly-up and a

“fall-back-on” skill may prove a life saver.

He tried to teach me (by observation) to be courteous. I witnessed him extend courtesies where they may not have been required. He was a gentleman extraordinaire.

Another basic concept he taught me (unintentionally) was to fit in wherever I happen to be. I’ve preached and taught in homeless missions, prisons, motorcycle rallies, the African jungle, with Aborigines in Australia and many other places and people. Attendance numbers have varied from six to 1500.

I’ve talked to two U.S. presidents, senators, and world famous evangelists. They all put their pants on just like we do, one foot and leg at a time. We are all just people.

Being warned about culture shock before my first mission assignment to East Africa, apprehensive may have been an appropriate description of my thoughts. Seen were many things different from what I was used to but culture shock; never!

Dad did tell me, “Don’t ever meet a stranger. They’re all people, just like you are. And never regard someone as being better than you or a lesser person than you. God created us all and in His eyes we are of the same value.”

Look a man in the eye when shaking hands and give a firm grip. Respect people until they give you a good reason not to and treat all women as ladies. You don’t have to repay disrespect with disrespect.

Daddy didn’t get mad at me very often but when he did, he called me “boy!” One day I brought home a bad report card from school. He lit in to me like I had good sense (which at 16 I did not). “Boy” he said, if you’d work on your school subjects like you do guns, fishing lures, baseball and drag racing, you’d make straight A’s.”

“But daddy, it’s not my fault, they teach the wrong subjects in school. If they taught guns, fishing lures, baseball and drag racing, I’d make straight A’s.” Of course that

went over like a concrete blimp.

Daddy, like most Christian fathers, taught me John 3: 16. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

It’s not likely I remember the first time he and I discussed that very important verse in the Bible but I do remember asking him, “Believe what?”

Dad said “whosoever” refers to all people and I certainly believe that. “Begotten” is a word you won’t hear anywhere else and means “here for a specific purpose” or “designated” (in Jesus case to save the world).

Dad said the Bible is the word of God and it tells us Jesus was born

of a virgin in order that He could live a perfect sinless life and be the unblemished blood sacrifice for the sins of the world (Deuteronomy 17: 1).

To give us eternal life for simply believing something doesn’t seem like a very high price to pay but the Bible says what the Bible says.

I sure miss my dad. Father’s Day is a very special time and an emotional time for me. Time doesn’t heal if healing is forgetting, as many believe. I’m catching myself with tears in my eyes as I type this.

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God Knows You

By Dr. Bob Hardison

Let Your Lifestyle Become A Witness To Fellow Workers

Q: I’ve received Jesus into my heart by faith and I attend church worship most Sundays with my wife and teenage sons. When I’m my with my buddies in the coal mines, my words, attitudes and actions are not much different from those of the others. How can I be a positive witness for Christ when I’m hanging out with work bro’s?

A: As a believer, let your faith in Christ directly affect your mindset and priorities. With the help of the indwell-

ing Holy Spirit, your thoughts and actions can reflect Christ’s attitudes in your life (Phil. 2:5).

Use Colossians 3 as you guide. “Put to death, therefore whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality impurity, lust, evil, desires, . . . anger, rage, malice, and filthy language” (Col. 3:5, 8) and “clothe yourselves” with these characteristics of Christ—“compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, forgiveness and love” (Col. 3:12-14). Evaluate your

life and work on eliminating all non-Christlike attitudes and words. Work on adding the Christlike attributes with God’s help.

Talk to your fellow miners about how worshipping Christ with others is making an impact in your life. Pray that God would use you to witness for Christ during your breaks and lunch times. Invite different ones in your work crew to attend your church’s worship services with you and your family.

Vacation Bible School Set In Poole

Poole Missionary Baptist Church will conduct Vacation Bible School from June 21 through June 27. This year’s theme is “Unseen-The Full Armor of God.

Day one’s activities begin at 11:00 am. On Saturday with a Bible lesson and activities, missions and music and lunch. Afterwards, the children

can play outside on a slip and slide. Be sure to wear old clothes—no swimsuits, please.

The rest of the week’s activities will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please make plans to join us for a fun and busy week as we learn how to put on the Full Armor of God.

Webster County Health Notes

By Pam Hunter, Facilitator

How to be happy. Tips for cultivating contentment.

Are you tired of waiting around for happiness to find you? Stopp waiting and start getting happy with these tips.

Despite what the fairy tales depict, happiness doesn’t appear by magic. It’s not even something that happens to you. It’s something you can cultivate.

So, what are you waiting for? Start discovering how to be happy.

happier on average than those who don’t enjoy those things.

People who are happy seem to intuitively know that their happiness is the sum of their life choices, and their lives are built on the following pillars. Devoting time to family and friends, appreciating what they have, maintaining an optimistic outlook, feeling a sense of purpose, and living in the moment.

Gratitude is more

than saying thank you. It’s a sense of wonder, appreciation, and, yes, thankfulness for life. It’s easy to go through life without recognizing your good fortune. Often, it takes a serious illness or other tragic event to jolt people into appreciating the good things in their lives. Don’t wait for something like that to happen to you.

Make a commitment to practice gratitude. Each day iden-

tify at least one thing that enriches your life. When you find yourself thinking an ungrateful thought, try substituting a grateful one.

Let gratitude be the last thought before you go to sleep. Let gratitude also be your first thought when you wake up in the morning. God has given us so much to be thankful for. Don’t postpone joy.

If you smile when no one else is around, you really mean it.

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-- PUBLIC NOTICE --

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF DIXON ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, an amendment to the annual budget has been proposed and delivered to the Dixon City Commission; and whereas, the Dixon City Commission has reviewed said budget amendment proposal and made any necessary modifications; now, therefore be it ordained by the City of Dixon, Kentucky:

Section 1: That the annual budget for fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 shall be as follows.

	General Fund	Fire Fund	O & M Fund	Parks Fund	Streets Fund	LGEA Fund
Fund Balance						
Carried Forward	\$121,400.00	\$133,750.00	\$25,000.00	\$6,850.00	\$135,570.00	\$8,940.00
Estimated Revenues	\$177,500.00	\$48,700.00	\$577,920.00	\$6,625.00	\$19,900.00	\$1,700.00
Total	\$298,900.00	\$182,450.00	\$602,920.00	\$12,475.00	\$155,470.00	\$10,640.00
Estimated Disbursements	\$298,900.00	\$182,450.00	\$602,920.00	\$12,475.00	\$155,470.00	\$10,640.00
Total Budget						\$1,262,855.00

Section 2: That this ordinance amendment shall be in effect on July 1, 2025.

ATTEST:
BARBARA GOFF, City Clerk
City of Dixon

All interested persons are here by notified that a summary for the City of Dixon Fiscal Year Budget 2025-26, including the intended uses of Municipal Road Aid and Local Government Economic Assistance Funds, is available for public inspection.

The budget summary and documentation necessary to support the summary are available at Dixon City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

TERRY WEBB, Mayor
City of Dixon

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