



**The Truth About Moving Forward
(You Must Be Willing to Press)
Father's Day
Mention Juneteenth**

June 19, 2022

Series Summary: Four Things That Will Help You Move Forward

- A. Forgetting** (Requires a high level of maturity to let things go)
- B. Reaching** (Requires a clear sense of direction- you can only reach for what you can see!)
- C. Pressing** (You need a stubborn level of fatherly grit)
- D. Believing** (Requires unwavering faith)

Text: Philippians 3:13–14

- 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: **Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize** for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

**Three Things Mama Said to Watch Out For
(Advice To the Men)**

May 8, 2022 (Mother's Day)

Introduction:

Text: Proverbs 31:1–31 (NIV): The sayings of King Lemuel—an inspired utterance his mother taught him.

1. Watch Out for The Women (Have some relationship discipline)

- 2 Listen, my son! Listen, son of my womb! Listen, my son, the answer to my prayers! 3 Do not spend your strength on women, your vigor on those who ruin kings.

2. Watch Out for The Drinks (Beer and Wine, Have some substance discipline)

- 4 It is not for kings, Lemuel— it is not for kings to drink wine, not for rulers to crave beer, 5 lest they drink and forget what has been decreed, and deprive all the oppressed of their rights. 6 Let beer be for those who are perishing, wine for those who are in anguish!

3. Watch Out for The Disadvantaged (Have a purpose beyond yourself)

- 7 Let them drink and forget their poverty and remember their misery no more. 8 Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. 9 Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Conclusion: My View of Being a Dad?

- Its an honor to lead them
- It is a God given responsibility we must embrace
- It is a long distance run you must prepare for
- It is an emotional journey that will reward you later

1. How do you manage the emotion of being a father?

Answer:

- I try to be honest about where I am emotionally.
- I try to give myself space between dragons, if I can.

2. How do you manage the inequities a father faces?

Answer:

- I work to be fair and approachable
- I understand inequities comes with the job
- Understand everyone can't see things from your perspective

3. How do you manage the judgments women have about men?

Answer:

- Understand their past journey with other men
- Don't take the blame for what others have done
- Accept the blame for what you have done and improve

4. How do you manage your sexual temptations?

Answer:

- Face the temptation honestly and admit it tempts you (cp. Romans 7:14-25)
- Don't create an opportunity for the temptation to win

Note: Romans 7:14-25, NIV

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. ¹⁵I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. ¹⁹For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²²For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵Thanks be to God, who delivers me through



Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature^[d] a slave to the law of sin.

5. How do you forgive yourself for not being the father you should be?

Answer:

- The same way Jesus forgave you, repent and declare yourself forgiven
- Live like a forgiven person and move forward

Notes Juneteenth Explained:

- **Juneteenth is celebrated annually on the 19th of June** to mark the date when some of the last enslaved people in the Confederacy were notified of their freedom following the Civil War. While President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1862 to free enslaved people in Confederate states, and the war ended in April 1865, many Texas Black people continued in bondage. Texas' seclusion and remote landscape kept Union soldiers from implementing the memorandum as quickly there as they had been able to in other Confederate states.
- On June 19, 1865, Union Army Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, to announce that the war was over and the Union had won. The announcement came two months after the conclusion of the Civil War, and even longer since President Lincoln had first signed the Emancipation Proclamation. That was over 150 years ago, during a time when Juneteenth has been referred to as Jubilee Day, Freedom Day, Liberation Day, Emancipation Day, and with President Biden's signature, a national holiday observing the end of slavery in the United States.

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