

## Dads, What's the Best Gift You Can Give Your Kids?

My dad had an old mantel clock that he received from his father. It belonged to his father's father. I've always thought it was a beautiful piece. It holds sentimental value because it belonged to my great-grandfather, and because my dad literally took it apart, piece by piece, cleaned all the pieces and put it back together -- correctly.



A few years ago mom and dad visited and brought the clock. I am the oldest son, actually, their only son. They intended to keep the clock in the Stinnett line and wanted to give me the clock while they were still alive. It was a wonderful and moving gesture, but honestly, I never really cared much about the clock.

Don't get me wrong (and don't tell mom), the clock is a beautiful piece. It holds sentimental value. However, it IS just a clock.

Dad is gone now; the clock remains. Thankfully, the clock is NOT all that Dad left behind. He was a Christian man, a

man of integrity, a true servant. By his life he taught many lessons that are of much greater value than the clock. His words of wisdom are still with me. His devotion to Christ and dedication to God's word stand as an example to follow.

The clock was a special gift, but his life...a far greater gift.

**A righteous man who walks in his integrity  
How blessed are his sons after him.**

**--Proverbs 20:7**

Dads, when it comes to our children we have a responsibility. Each day we have a choice. We choose what we will leave behind for our children.

It's fine to leave behind clocks and other things, but would you like to leave behind the really good stuff? Let's leave our children something far superior to the 'stuff' we possess. Let's leave our children a life of righteousness and integrity that reflects the way of Christ!?