

minister's message

"A Father's Aroma"

2 Corinthians 2:14

tion. Hopefully, every father is aware of the "fragrance" they spread among their children for good or bad. The idea is how well we influence our children and our families to serve the Lord. Paul valued his influence especially in the church. Father's who represent God's presence in among their families carry the Lord's "fragrance" that can influence others to a life-long and meaningful relationship with God. The idea is that fathers make the sacrifice of life for family as the Lord has made his sacrifice for us. The goal is to teach our children to be as devoted to Christ as we have been before them, spreading the aroma of God's grace everywhere we go.

It is a blessing to be a father. There are moments of pride and joy associated with it. It allows us to know the Lord in a way that we could not otherwise experience. Hopefully, we model his Spirit in such a way that our children get excited to when the fragrance of their Father is near. Have a wonderful FATHER'S DAY! Reflect on the Lord's aroma in your life

His servant and yours, Leonard C. Bradley, Jr.

At school where I work, I often pull children out of class to assist them in their academic development. There is one particular child who very often notices whenever I am wearing a fragrance or cologne. When she smells it she says to me with excitement, you smell like my dad. The first time I heard it I was not sure if it was good or bad. Eventually I realized she meant what I wore smelled good as it pleasantly reminded her of her father.

Paul wrote, "But thanks be to God who in Christ always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death to another a fragrance from life to life" (2Corinthians 2:14). The "aroma" or "fragrance" of Christ is to be shared by all who are influenced by His gift of salva-

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