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PROGRESS NOTES
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A CONSIDERATION OF GOD THE FATHER
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Father in Heaven, it is a demonstrable fact that if the child has no respect for and does not honor his earthly father, he has difficulty in having reverence for his Heavenly Father. This is echoed in Scripture in 1 John 5:20 which says, "If anyone says, I love God, and detests, abominates, hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen". One might say if one does not love his father, whom he has seen, how can he love his Heavenly Father Whom he has not seen?

It is thus very important that fathers should illustrate to their children, kindness, love, and understanding, as well as generosity and honor. A father should not tolerate evil in his family, himself, his wife, or in his children. He and his wife should attempt to make the home as much a heavenly place as is possible. A father should be slow to anger and capable of quietly listening when questions and problems are presented to him.

A father should be a true Christian anchored in Christ and living in holiness and righteousness. He should be the priest of his home and should often lead in prayer, family devotions, and frequently share the Word of God with his wife and children. He should be active in the Church and this activity should be demonstrated to and observed by his family. A father should be generous toward those who have lesser means than he has. A father should be a musician, a singer, and a vociferous worshipper of his Heavenly Father. He should stand for righteousness, right, and should stand against evil and wrongdoing. He also should be forgiving and always loving and caring. He should be a healer, and take care of the hurts and wounds of his family. He should illustrate strength, not only of body but also strength of mind and spirit. He should be joyous and his home should be full of laughter. He should illustrate patience to the point where his patience could well be termed "longsuffering". He should be a man who prays for understanding. Even though strong, he should illustrate gentleness and tenderness. He should also be temperate and absolutely faithful. He should be a student not only of the affairs of the world but more especially of the kingdom of God and God's Word. He should share his knowledge with his wife and his children, never in a dictatorial sense nor in a sense of being "holier than thou".

Although it is quite impossible in general to fulfill all of these criteria, the father of the Christian home in 1997 should be able to approach this kind of divine perfection by seeking the fullness, the baptism, and the anointing of God's Holy Spirit in his day to day life. His life should be a crescendo of knowledge and compassion. As such, he receives honor from his family, his wife, and his children, and the love which rebounds toward him. Thus, God's healing touches his entire being and perpetuates his life and keeps him whole.

There is probably not one father in a thousand who would fit these aspects of parental life, but it would seem that at the end of this century, men should become stronger and more Christ-centered than they have ever been previously. However, when one contrasts the modern man with the fathers of our country, the ancient Moravian settlers in Pennsylvania, the pioneers

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Matthew 6:9-13 Pray therefore like this: Our Father Who is in Heaven hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever, Amen.

Father's Day is coming up June 15, and a month ago we celebrated Mother's Day. It seems that there is much more interest in Mother's Day than there is in Father's Day. This, I feel, is correct and proper because the bearing and rearing of children has always been more in the province of mothers than fathers. However, in order for a child to have reverence for his

Is God Involved in Childbirth
by Kathleen Santi, M.D.

If you ask Him to be you can bet He is, and sometimes even when you forget to ask. How do I know?

During the first year of my Family Practice 27 years ago, I was delivering a devout Baptist girl and set her up for a saddle block. During 40 seconds after the lidocaine was administered, she spoke in a foreign language at length and then lay on the table as if in a trance. The baby suffered severe head trauma during delivery and later that night had to be transferred to a Tertiary Center for care.

The mother seemed strangely unconcerned. I felt awful about it. I asked the mother at her 6 weeks checkup what foreign language she spoke. She looked surprised and said "None". Three years of guilt later, I finally realized that this child was absolutely healthy and normal in every way. I said as much to the mother. She said, "Yes", she is the healthiest of my 3 children. The specialists at the Tertiary Center were amazed at how well she's done. She had also asked the Lord if he had Baptized her with the Holy Spirit at her delivery and He responded by affirming her with glossolalia on the spot.

Doctors Corner

What a witness to her physician and what a burden was lifted from me.

Years later while running a high risk clinic for the county, I came across a 47 year old missionary nurse who was pregnant for the first time and absolutely ecstatic. I was happy for her as well, but all the rest of the physicians she was coming in contact with were all unhappy, full of doom and gloom because she had not had an amniocentesis, was developing high blood pressure, was overweight, and basically by what right did she have to be having her first child at such a time.

The usual and standard prognostications of our day and time and all potentially true. I rejoiced with her and prayed with her not only for hers and the baby's protection, but for a safe delivery, wisdom upon her physicians and for the Lord to put angels around her room, to protect her and her child during her labor and delivery. I was able to see her several times and to minister to her.

One Friday she called and said her BP was 160/100. I told her to go to Labor and Delivery at once. The inhouse obstetricians and residents would take over. They started her on mag sulfate and the usual pre-eclampsia treatment. They didn't have to induce as she was in fulminating labor at 38 weeks. When I went to visit her she was in 2nd stage labor but recognized me and said "Look Dr. Santi, see the angels in the four corners of the room." Unfortunately for me, I was not able to see them but I believed her. The baby came out screaming, mom recovered quickly and both went home in the usual time. The last I heard they were all doing well and back on the mission field.

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of Kentucky and elsewhere across our land, it seems that we are "a far piece" from where they were. One modern day feminist has said that the aim today is for the development of strong and intelligent women because, as she said, men in general are becoming weaker. It could be that many of those who were patriotic, strong, and great lovers of God and country, lost their lives in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, and those who are left in the succeeding generation have their sights set upon television, lax morality, and in general, non-Christian pursuits.

I have a dear friend who is a Church of God, pentecostal minister. He has one son who is very active in the Church and a number of grandchildren, all of whom are serving God in the Lord in one way or another. One grandson is the minister of a very successful and active Church in Clearwater, Florida, which when he took it over, had only a few elderly parishioners. There is now a new Church which is full on Sundays, thriving, full of joy and Godly power. This scenario could be repeated many times in the families of ministers who are called "Pentecostal".

The question therefore remains, "Is it possible to be a godly father without being truly born again and truly filled with and controlled by God's Holy Spirit?" I rather think not because the power of the world system (II Corinthians 4:4) is such that only those who are immensely strengthened by God's Holy Spirit power are going to be able to be the kinds of fathers and family leaders who will be standing on the evil day (Ephesians 6:13). Optimistically, I see in all the denominations, as we approach century end, a great moving of God's Holy Spirit. May it be that there will be a crescendo of Godly power in the men of America and Canada in the days ahead, when strong men, strong fathers and grandfathers, as well as strong sons, stand four square for Jesus Christ in the evolving society of Planet Earth.

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Doctors Corner (cont.)
Her husband was in Canada and planned to be home for her due date, so he missed the delivery, but she said that she had been comforted all thru her labor and delivery by God's manifested presence.

I have in the approximately 2500 children that I delivered, delivered two that did not smell of flesh but of a transient heavenly perfume. I know God has great things planned for those two. Is God in the Obstetrical Business? You can bet He is. As all know who work in this field or experience the miracle of birth, each conception and baby is a miracle within itself. Most of what goes on works thru God's orderly laws, but for some reason and for His pleasure, there are times when He transcends his own laws. I pray that someday, I too will see an angel.

Calendar
Each Tuesday throughout the year, Kay Reed teaches at 10:30 am and Dr. Reed speaks at 1:00 pm and has a healing service at 2:00 pm at the Foundation, 7522 N. Himes Ave, Tampa, FL.

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