

A Precious Father's Day Gift

A recent Father's Day was particularly special for me. Not only do I get to talk with my grown children but the third literally put on a show for me. At the time my daughter was performing as Patsy Cline at a theatre in Pennsylvania. To a proud father her performance was wonderful, but as I listened to the reaction of the audience, they agreed with me. God gave Kara a talent for singing and she has made it her life's work to share her music with others. There is no greater joy she could have given to me on Father's Day than singing from the heart on the very day set aside for showing love for her dad.

How do you think our Heavenly Father feels when He watches us using the talents and gifts, putting our heart into sharing it with others? He sees us working to develop the skills that bring joy to others. You know He is beaming from ear to ear when we use those skills for His Kingdom. He is watching every act of service, no matter how big or small, from His front row seat.

Scripture tells us that we don't get to Heaven by being good. Kara's performance on the stage, and yours in whatever charitable or helpful endeavor, is not about personal gain in getting to Heaven. It is about our showing our faith by helping others. It is what we do because we are people of faith. We all are part of the family of God and we want to carry out God's plan for us to help others. It is all about sharing God's love with others.

Strive to please your Heavenly Father every day by doing things for others. It is a great gift on Father's Day or any day.

Scripture: *We love because He first loved us (1 John 4:19).*

Question: What gifts do you have that will please your Heavenly Father?

Prayer: We thank You for the talents You give us. We pray we will have the heart to use them to help others. Amen.