

Discovering Greatness

This week family members gathered at my dad's home to start sorting and disposing of items. Dad passed away a few months ago. Our visit was the first opportunity for the immediate family to come together and begin the task. Even though we thought we knew lots about dad, sorting through his personal items taught us a great deal more about him than previously realized.



Dad was an accomplished electrical engineer and a brilliant man. He had 17 US patents and was at the cutting edge of communication technology during his work life. Evenings and weekends, he designed and installed telephone and PA systems at YMCAs, churches, school systems, an island family camp facility and even military bases. We sorted through large piles of blue print drawings and viewed detailed, meticulous operating instructions for all of his creations. What we saw was simply amazing!

Then, we found correspondence he had written about all kinds of family topics. He wasn't afraid to speak up to correct a situation. Not only did he stand up for his children but he also sought information so he could guide us to be better people. He always sought to do the right thing.

We sorted through electrical gadgets he created, earning the family title of "gadget man." He had a solution to every problem.

Dad always was there when people needed help – whether at church, family or in the community. You don't realize the depth of his service until you dig deeper into his life. Dad had quite a legacy, but he never touted about it. He just did it.

Jesus Christ is the ultimate legacy. His work is well documented, thanks to the Bible and other supporting references. Jesus rallied to help people and then humbly said not to tell others what He had done. It was all about the other person's need and never about himself. Jesus acted perfectly with wisdom, foresight and compassion. He was willing to speak up to address a situation. A study of His life and His teachings reveals the blueprint of how we should live our life. And speaking of advocacy for others, He will become your advocate when you meet the heavenly Father. You can't discover His greatness by merely *pretending* to understand Jesus. You



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The only way to understand my Dad's unbelievable accomplishments is to research the man fully. In the same way, the only way to comprehend the fullness of Jesus' life and ministry is to dig into the Word. Discover His greatness. It is simply amazing!

On this Father's Day, remember what your dad has done for you – as a role model, provider, advocate and parent. Your dad does this because of his love for you. As we discovered, fathers do much more for their children than we realize. Your Heavenly Father is doing great things for you, also out of love for you. God provided a role model, his son Jesus Christ, and then sacrificed Him so you can love and have forgiveness. It was all done in love. Remember that three things will endure: *faith, hope and love. And the greatest is these is love (1 Corinthians 13:13)*. Happy Father's Day.

Scripture: *To him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures for ever (Psalm 136:4).*

Question: Is your knowledge of Jesus life and teachings pretty basic or are you making a sincere effort to dig deeper, to learn about the greatness of Jesus? If you do, you will better understand what He has done in love for you.

Prayer: Heavenly Father. This father's day we take time to remember what our earthly dads have done for us. Let us remember what you, as the Heavenly Father, have done for all of us.