THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH
#2: This Will Be the Blessing
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[1]Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in
obedience to him. [2]You will eat the fruit of your labor;
blessings and prosperity will be yours. [3]Your wife will be
like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be
like olive shoots around your table. [4]Yes, this will be the
blessing for the man who fears the LORD. [5]May the LORD
bless you from Zion; may you see the prosperity of
Jerusalem all the days of your life. [6]May you live to see
your children's children—peace be on Israel.

Psalm 128 TNIV

Introduction: Father's Day is a great time to take stock of God's simplest and most purposeful blessings, those things we most often take for granted. The rewards for a life of obedience to God–at least in this world–are not power, prestige, or wealth, but heritage and hope.

I. The Conditional Blessing
   A. The blessings of God are conditioned upon attitude, "fear [of] the LORD."

      Let all the earth <u>fear the LORD</u>: let all the inhabitants of the world <u>stand in awe of him</u>.

      Psalm 33:8 KJV

   B. The blessings of God are conditioned upon action, "obedience to [God]."

      [Jesus said,] "Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

      John 13:17 TNIV

II. The Blessed Condition
   A. Wonderful work.
   B. A meaningful marriage.
   C. A happy home.
   D. A faithful fellowship.
   E. A hopeful heritage.

III. The Blessing Congregation
   A. Work/Occupation
   B. Marriage/Relationship
   C. Home/Children
   D. Fellowship/Community
   E. Heritage/Legacy

Conclusion: The old adage summarizes Psalm 128 well: "Happiness is not so much having what you want as wanting what you have." The true reward of obedience to God is a life filled with simple blessings rooted in the home.

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