"Any man can be a father, but it takes a special person to be a dad" - Anonymous

"The greatest gift a father can give his children is to love and respect their mother" ~author unknown

My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, "You're tearing up the grass." "We're not raising grass," Dad would reply. "We're raising boys." ~Harmon Killebrew

He didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it. ~Clarence Budington Kelland

A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty. ~Author Unknown

Father! - to God himself we cannot give a holier name. ~William Wordsworth

A father with a strong loving bond with his children creates a sense of joy and peace in his home which is extended to the rest of the world.

Love and fear. Everything the father of a family says must inspire one or the other. ~Joseph Joubert

One father is more than a hundred Schoolmasters. ~George Herbert, *Outlandish Proverbs*, 1640

Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father! ~Lydia M. Child, *Phil othea: A Romance*, 1836

A father is always making his baby into a little woman. And when she is a woman he turns her back again. ~Enid Bagnold

Sometimes the poorest man leaves his children the richest inheritance. ~Ruth E. Renkel

A father carries pictures where his money used to be. ~Author Unknown

The father who would taste the essence of his fatherhood must turn back from the plane of his experience, take with him the fruits of his journey and begin again beside his child, marching step by step over the same old road. ~Angelo Patri

My father, when he went, made my childhood a gift of a half a century. ~Antonio Porchia, *Voce*, ,

1943, translated from Spanish by W.S. Merwin

It is much easier to become a father than to be one. ~Kent Nerburn, *Letters to My Son: Reflections on Becoming a Man* , 1994

WISE QUOTES ON FATHERS

The words that a father speaks to his children in the privacy of home are not heard by the world, but, as in whispering-galleries, they are clearly heard at the end and by posterity. ~Jean Paul Richter

Any man can be a father. It takes someone special to be a dad. ~Author Unknown

The greatest gift I ever had Came from God; I call him Dad! ~Author Unknown

I love my father as the stars - he's a bright shining example and a happy twinkling in my heart. ~Terri Guillemets

Dad, your guiding hand on my shoulder will remain with me forever. ~Author Unknown

My daddy, he was somewhere between God and John Wayne. ~Hank Williams, Jr.

Sherman made the terrible discovery that men make about their fathers sooner or later... that the man before him was not an aging father but a boy, a boy much like himself, a boy who grew up and had a child of his own and, as best he could, out of a sense of duty and, perhaps love, adopted a role called Being a Father so that his child would have something mythical and infinitely important: a Protector, who would keep a lid on all the chaotic and catastrophic possibilities of life. ~Tom Wolfe, *The Bonfire of the Vanities*

Old as she was, she still missed her daddy sometimes. ~Gloria Naylor

You will find that if you really try to be a father, your child will meet you halfway. ~Robert Brault

Sons are for fathers the twice-told tale. ~Victoria Secunda, Women and Their Fathers, 1992

Why are men reluctant to become fathers? They aren't through being children. ~Cindy Garner

Fathers represent another way of looking at life - the possibility of an alternative dialogue. ~Louise J. Kaplan, *Oneness and Separateness: From Infant to Individual*, 1978

There's something like a line of gold thread running through a man's words when he talks to his daughter, and gradually over the years it gets to be long enough for you to pick up in your

hands and weave into a cloth that feels like love itself. ~John Gregory Brown, *Decorations in a Ruined Cemetery*, 1994

There are three stages of a man's life: He believes in Santa Claus, he doesn't believe in Santa Claus, he is Santa Claus. ~Author Unknown

Fatherhood is pretending the present you love most is soap-on-a-rope. ~Bill Cosby

When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years. ~Author unknown, commonly attributed to Mark Twain but no evidence has yet been found for this (*Thanks, Garson O'Toole!*)