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✚ Today we are doing something that is dear to the heart of God.

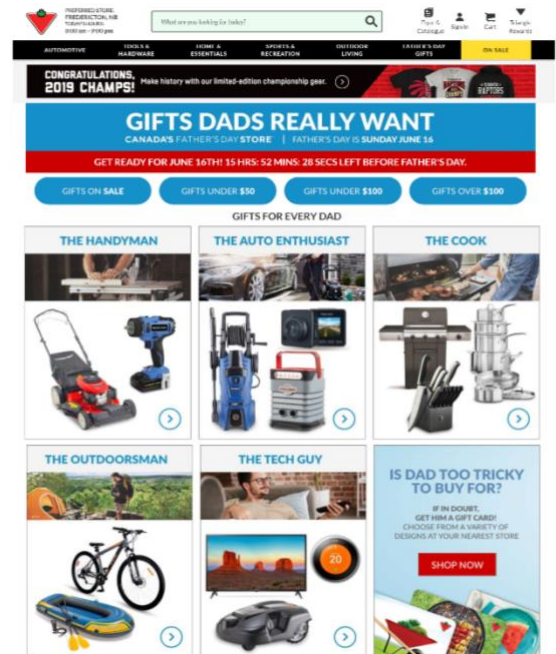
In fact, it's number 5 of the top Ten Commandments! It says...

“Honour your father and mother, that it may go well with you and you may live long on the earth.” Ephesians 6:2–3

So today we honour our dads, grandpas, those uncles, brothers, friends and mentors who showed us the care and love of a father. They taught us how to live, how to ride a bicycle or drive a car, walked with us through those important shifts in life, taught us how to fix things... showed us how a good and honourable man lives life!

– It's interesting the stereotypes surrounding Father's Day; the suggested gifts... Example: Canadian Tire

- **Handyman Dad** = tools
- **Car Dad** = Get him a 3 ton heavy duty jack for \$199.99 But if that's too much money, then get him a 2 ton jack for \$59.99. An if that's a bit much, get him a digital tire gauge with a light for \$15.99
- **BBQ dad** = get him a raw steak
- **Sports dad** = get him “another” hat
- **TV dad** = get him a wifi smart plug so he can spend Father's Day trying to figure out how to program it to turn off the den lamp so he dosent have to get up off the couch while watching the game on TV
- Then, of course, since it's actually very hard to buy anything for dads, just get him a gift card...



✚ Although the love for tools, carpentry, mechanics, building things gene can affect both male and females, very often, dads are the FIXERS in the family!

Often when my daughter in Ottawa has an issue with her car, a plumbing, electrical, or computer problem, it's call 911 dad!

I have to admit it: I like gadgets! I like barbecues! I like the smell of the charcoal and meat! (Applewood, Mesquite, Maple)

I like motors! I like tools! **Having the right tool is satisfying!**

The problem with that is that I can also have the tendency to think that I can fix whatever comes my way. That I can figure it out. That I don't need to ask for directions. I don't need to read the instructions. I don't need help!

And this isn't just a guy thing or a dad thing!

Many of us think that we are capable and need no help!

We are a capable tool to deal with a problem!

- When we were planning today's service, making it special for fathers and also for everyone, the donuts... I was telling the staff what I felt to speak on and the sermon title was suggested:

Donut be a Tool

- Now this has nothing to do with the "Don't Be a Tool" campaign creating awareness and stopping hazing, harassment, and bullying in the workplace which is a great campaign and a great message!

There are different meanings to "don't be a tool"...

I'm referring to having that overinflated self-confidence that I don't need anyone. I don't need help!

- Every day I try and take time to read from the Psalms. A few days ago, **Psalm 143:1–2** caught my attention...

"Hear my prayer, O LORD, listen to my cry for mercy! In Your faithfulness and righteousness answer me. Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, no one living is righteous before You." Psalm 143:1–2

No one living is righteous before God! **NO ONE!**

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23 (NKJV)

"Sin!" We don't like to use this word.

No one wants to be told they're guilty of—sin!

We avoid that word. Yet whether we want to admit it or not, it's something we have done and do on occasion!

But we often change the word "sin" for other options:

- So, for example, after someone commits adultery, we replace any reference to "sin" with phrases like "moral failure" or "momentary lapse of judgement."
- Here is how we read this verse today...

"For all have experienced momentary lapses and have come up a tad shy of the supreme being's absolute ideal, but hey, nobody's perfect. So don't worry. Be Happy!"

But that's not what it says...

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Illustration: You're in a basketball game and you shoot for the net but you fall short. You don't even come close. You shoot again and you hit the rim this time but it still doesn't go in. In both shots you have missed the mark!

All of us have missed the mark and come short of winning the game of salvation!

So, you might say, “If that’s the case, we are all in the same boat? We are all the same so, what’s the problem?”

The problem is that there are consequences to sin!

1) Sin POLLUTES us

Today we hear a lot about pollution. The destruction of the environment. Plastics and the contamination of planet earth.

Well, **sin pollutes our heart and our soul.** It’s garbage in our hearts that rots and spoils our relationship with God and others.

Jesus said: “It is from within, out of a person’s heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. All these evils come from within and they are what defile you.”
Mark 7:21–23

Just like garbage, sin needs to be properly dealt with!
You cannot just leave it there!

Illustration: Garbage under the sink... but if I just keep stuffing it, it starts to rot!

We can’t just stuff our sin away!

2) Sin ENSLAVES us

Sin has a power over us - It controls us - It overcomes us. **Jesus said:**

“I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.” John 8:34

It’s not just drugs and alcohol that cause addiction. Sin is addictive: anger is addictive, bitterness is addictive, resentments... hate... immorality is addictive, pornography is addictive, lust is addictive, greed is addictive... these things overpower us and control us!

We become a “slave” to sin!

The POLLUTION of sin, the POWER of sin which causes a SEPARATION between us and God!

3) Sin SEPARATES us from God

We were designed by God to enjoy a wonderful relationship with Him but sin puts this separation (wall) between us and God.

“Your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you so that He does not hear.” Isaiah 59:2

Sin separates us from God! From His joy, His life, His peace! **THIS IS VERY SERIOUS!**

Sin also SEPARATES us from others: It separates families, marriages, friendships, causes wars, brings about racial discrimination, bigotry, intolerance, hate, and divides nations.

Sin is like an incurable spiritual cancer that destroys us!

GOD OFFERS US A GIFT!

“The wages of sin is death (it is a cancer that kills), but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 6:23

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him (You are never the right tool! HE IS!) should not perish but have everlasting life”. John 3:16

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.” Ephesians 2:8

Grace is God giving us what we did not deserve!

Illustration: Guy: “Trying to do enough good to make it to heaven” I said: “You’ll never make it!” Free ticket for the theaters... **GIFT!**

We humans cannot pull ourselves out of the quicksand called sin – we need a divine hand to reach down and pull us up.

Every day!

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You are not the tool! He is! YOU can't fix you, He can!

His GRACE, His MERCY, HIS FAITHFULNESS, HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS!