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#### FOR FATHER'S DAY

Where can you go to find a man worth his salt? It is like searching for buried treasure. This is a man who shows up for the important things in life—dinner with the family, his children's programs and open house at school, his wife's birthday, holiday family reunions, weekly Sunday worship services. He can be counted on when you need him to lend a helping hand around the house or for neighbors in need. He is community minded and becomes involved in finding solutions to the problems he sees around him. When people talk of him they say the world is a better place because he lives here.

He faces the day with a newspaper in one hand and a Bible in the other, aware of what is going on around him, but always open to God's guiding hand in how he relates to people and the complications of life. He works hard and plays fair. He keeps himself healthy and strong by cultivating good habits, good exercise routines. He keeps his mind sharp by reading and learning new things each day. When he sets down the newspaper it is to pick up the dictionary, encyclopedia or atlas, or maybe to go online to find the knowledge he is seeking.

He is reliable and prompt. His boss trusts him and looks to him for good, solid counsel. His co-workers enjoy working beside him, knowing he will not take advantage of them to their detriment. They have confidence in his decision making, in his respect for their opinions. He is concerned about the well being of others and willing to make personal sacrifices to turn around a bad situation.

He prays regularly, giving thanks for his blessings and acknowledging his needs before God. He knows when and how to be humble, when and how to be strong. He can lift a child onto his shoulder in gentleness or address the fears of a crowd

on a sinking ship. His confidence helps others breathe deeply and look for helpful answers.

He awakes whistling, with a song of praise on his lips for the glory of God's creation. At the end of a long day's work he sings his heartfelt story of patient hope, waiting and longing for a better day tomorrow. Then he places it in the hands of God.

Many men would like to have a map handed to them to show the way to such a buried treasure. Only those who seek it diligently will find it.