

Essay from the bold pastor

#148 - '57 Chevy for Dad who has turned 57 -

With Father's Day right around the corner, the nation was touched by what a young man did for his father. Mike King, a resident of Louisville, Kentucky, promised to his father when he was only 8 years old that he would buy his father a '57 Chevy Bel Air for his 57th birthday. Roger, his father, always wanted that car. And Mike fulfilled his promise at last.

The Kings was a poor family with seven children including Mike, and so there was no way Roger could afford '57 Chevy, a status symbol in the U.S. back then. Mike has grown up and started working at a factory. He worked a lot of overtime six days a week. After having saved enough money, he devoted himself to searching for the car on websites such as eBay. After a long search, he finally found one on sale in New Hampshire and made a 1550-mile round trip to pick it up. This is impressive enough. Yet, it turns out that he bought the car two years prior to Roger's 57th birthday, which means that he hid it in his garage for two years. That almost sounds like an obsession.

"My dad has been everything to me. He is not my biological father but he is my father... My dad, My father, was the best thing that ever happened to me," says Mike. Roger finds the car and tears up. Then the father and the son hug each other tight.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Matthew 6:9

This is the first sentence of Lord's Prayer which is the standard prayer. This is recited in church services almost every week. Although prayer means making wishes to most people, this Lord's Prayer is about "gratitude and worship." Are we grateful for our creator, "God the Father?" We turn to Him only when we are desperate, don't we? Nevertheless, God the Father is still trying to save each of us from our ruin at the expense of Jesus Christ, His own son. Seeing the loving father and son from Kentucky, I felt ashamed of myself for always making wishes to God. We shall honor God who always loves us and has sent us Jesus Christ, the Savior.

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