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#KUSHANDWISDOM

Abraham Lincoln

Perspective

Abraham Lincoln got it right--we can complain because roses have thorns, or we can rejoice because thornbushes have roses. What is your perspective?

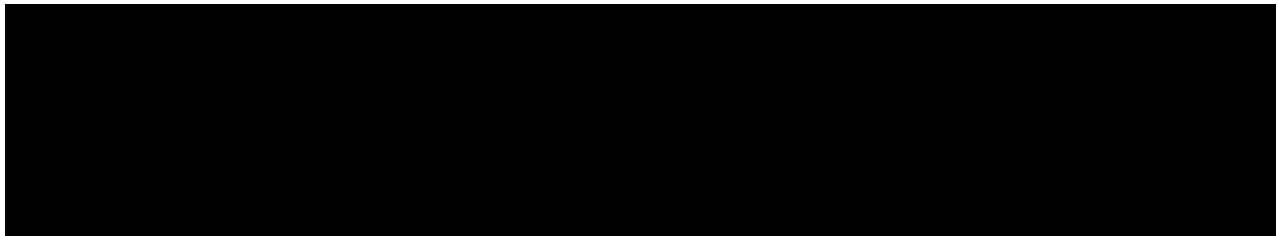
Our perspective has been challenged a lot in the past several months. It seems everyone has his or her own idea of what is right or what the government should have done. This is a good

time to think about Abraham Lincoln's quote--are we grumbling because we have to wear masks and continue to social distance? Or are we thankful that we are able to get out of our homes and go to the grocery store, work, or church with the inconveniences of wearing a mask, following the directional arrows of the grocery store and keeping our distance? It is all about our perspective.

We don't like this any more than you do. We want our classes to return to normal--what we consider normal. We want to be able to shake hands with our participants and congratulate them on their achievements. But we also want to keep everyone safe and healthy.

So, for now, we will change our perspective and be thankful that we have masks to wear and space enough to social distance when you come into our office. We will be thankful that thornbushes have roses!

We are here to help you as you navigate through the struggles of your daily life. Do not hesitate to reach out to us. 417-501-8867.





-Check Out This Video-
Pick up your kids and change their
perspective.

That is the message that Walter Bond shares in this video. It is the message that his father instilled in him. Walter Bond was the first undrafted rookie free agent in the history of the Dallas Mavericks--all because his father picked him up and changed his perspective.



- Check this out!-
A fishing experience for dads and kids!



\$5 per person*
Thursday, August 20th
5:00 - 7:30 PM
Fun activities & FREE STUFF
from BassPro



Fishing with Kids

Join us as Good Dads and kids head to the North Pavilion at Lake Springfield for a picnic supper, fishing instruction, a chance to catch fish and tell tall tales.

REGISTER ONLINE @ GOODDADS.COM

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED *Meet you there* 2312 E Lake Springfield Park Rd, Springfield MO

Counseling for dads in the New Pathways for Good Dads program!

Dads that are enrolled in the New Pathways for Good Dads program and have completed at least 4 weeks of the Fatherhood Development Course are eligible to receive

counseling on a sliding scale. Counseling will be done with Drew Dilisio, a PLPC, under the supervision of Dr. Jennifer Baker. Call the Good Dads office for more details.

Check This Out!

Pay your child support with a new, quick, secure and contactless mobile payment and digital wallet service through:

The mobile and digital wallet options allow users to avoid touching buttons or exchanging cash by making payments in IOS and android apps on the internet. A convenience fee of 2.5% for each transaction will apply. Find out more at mo.smartchildsupport.com. Payments can also be made by mail, online, over the phone, and by cash payments at local retailers using PayNearMe.

Got questions? Call 1(800) 859-7999 or visit <https://dss.mo.gov/>

- Helpful Resources -

- Here is a **NEW** resource for those who are struggling with shared visitation during COVID-19. Crisis Planning is necessary for the children's benefit, as well as for your own benefit.
 - Pandemic EBT Benefits
 - File for Unemployment Benefits
 - Special Unemployment Link for COVID-19 crisis
 - Legal Services of Southwest Missouri
 - Child Support questions? Contact Ra'shad Hibler-Family Support Division 573-751-0980
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Mentoring: A Life-Changing Experience

- If you are interested in having a mentor, or if you are interested in being a mentor, click [HERE](#) to email Lisa at the Good Dads office. She will assist you in making the connection.
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- NPGD SPOTLIGHT -

Inspiration From New Pathways Dads

Watch for a new spotlight in the next newsletter

New Pathways for Good Dads

- Upcoming Classes -

More Fatherhood Development classes and Within My Reach relationship classes are on the horizon. If you or someone you know is interested in the FDC or the WMR please contact the Good Dads office. We will add you to our upcoming class lists.

For more information or to enroll, call the Good Dads office at 417-501-8867.

This Week's Featured

- Good Dads Podcast -

E363 Clayton and Clayton

Clayton Brown and Clayton Ballard talk about facial hair and "dad outfits," and how to be their own version of a dapper dad.

Click below to listen to an episode on [iTunes](#), or search on any other favorite podcast player - we're on [Google Play](#), [Stitcher](#), [Spotify](#), [TuneIn](#), and more.



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