



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

“WHAT KIND OF FATHER ARE YOU OR DO YOU WANT TO BE?”

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FATHERHOOD

- Critical concern in our culture.
- Understand what being a father IS?
- Struggle with the definition of Manhood.
- Direct effect on the kind of Father they will be.

God has expectations about fatherhood:

- † Proverbs 1:8 NKJV
- † Proverb 6:20 NKJV
- † Proverbs 23:22 NKJV

The key to being the Father we should be and the Father we want to be is rooted in our relationship with the Heavenly Father!

INTRODUCTION

There is a certain pride children have when it comes to their father!

Proverbs 17:6 NKJV

⁶ Children's children *are* the crown of old men,
And the glory of children *is* their father.

There is also a certain attraction or desire children have for their father's approval.

QUESTION: “What kind of Father are You or Do You want to BE?”

Estimated 74 million dads in United States:

- 72 million of those are biological fathers.
- Of the 72 million biological fathers, 5.9 million or 8.2% have never been married.

Research shows that when fathers are involved, their children are:

- 2 times more likely to go to college.
- 80% less likely to spend time in jail.
- 75% less likely to experience teen pregnancy.

Question for you men: **What Kind of Father are you, or do you want to be?**

FIVE EXAMPLES OF FAITHERS IN THE BIBLE:

1) **ABRAHAM:** _____ (Obedient) Father - Genesis 18:19 AMP



a) **KNOWN by God** - I have known him.

b) **OWNED by God** - Known him.

“Know” (Hebrew: *yada*) - knowledge of; experience, to care about or be concerned for.

c) **SHOWN by God** - So that he may teach and command his children and [the sons of] his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is righteous and just.

d) **ADORNED by God** - So that the Lord may bring upon Abraham what He has promised him.

2) **ISAAC:** _____ **FATHER** Genesis 25:28 AMP (also Genesis 27)



This is the father that shows favoritism - Preferring one child over other!

a) **Self-Serving** - Now Isaac loved [and favored] Esau, because he enjoyed eating his game.

b) **Schismatic** (Divisive) - Rebekah loved [and favored] Jacob.

c) **Seduced** (taken advantage of) - His wife and his son tricked Him (Ch.27)

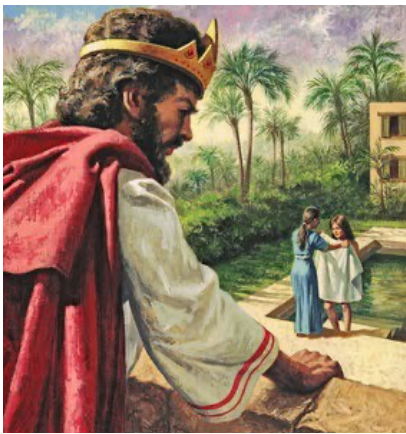
3) **ELI:** _____ **FATHER** - 1 Samuel 2:12-25 AMP

Like the absentee father who hasn't left, his influence is not evident.



- a) **Ineffective** - 1 Samuel 2:12 AMP
- b) **Inconsistent** - 1 Samuel 2:17 AMP
- c) **Indulgent** - 1 Samuel 2:22 AMP

4) **DAVID:** _____ **FATHER** - 2 Samuel 3:1-5 AMP; 2 Samuel 11 – Bathsheba



- a) **Indoctrinated** - 2 Samuel 3:1-5 AMP
- b) **Inconsiderate** - 2 Samuel 11: 1-5 NKJV
- c) **Insensitive** - 2 Sam 11:6; 11:14-15 NKJV

5) **FATHER of PRODIGAL:** _____ **FATHER** - Luke 15:20 AMP



- a) **Generous** - Luke 15:11-12 AMP
- b) **Genuine** - Luke 15:17-19 AMP
- c) **Godly** - Luke 15:20 AMP

Luke 11:1 NIV - Disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray.
Ever wonder why he instructed them to say, "Our Father," not "Our God?"