

Father's Day

The most important privilege I've had is knowing that I am a son of God.

Even if the blessing of our dad escapes us, the love of our heavenly father can still find us.

Six Types of Father Figures

- The Absent Father
- The Abusive Father
- The Passive Father
- The Performance-Based Father
- The Antagonistic Father
- The Empowering Father

The good news is, that God is not the reflection of our earthly dad. He is the perfection of what a father should be.

God's love for us means that:

- No one who knows Him will be left behind
- No one who knows him will be orphaned
- No one who calls to him will go unwanted
- No one who calls to him will live without a father's love
- His love means that you matter to him
- That you have access to the throne of grace

As God's children the ultimate goal is to grow into the likeness of our heavenly father—to grow up and reflect him.

Ephesians 5:1-2 – Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

We may have physical traits that cause us to look like our earthly parents, but we are called to look like our creator.

Matthew 11:11-12 “I tell you the truth, of all who have ever lived, none is greater than John the Baptist. Yet even the least person in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he. And from the time John the Baptist began preaching, the Kingdom of Heaven had been forcefully advancing...”

Matthew 11:18a – For John didn't spend his time eating and drinking...”

John 3:30 – He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.

John's desire was that his disciples would become followers of Jesus.

1 Corinthians 11:1 – And you should imitate me as I imitate Christ.

The way I love my kids will directly impact how they love themselves, love Christ, and love others.

Our feelings of inadequacy should drive us to a greater dependence on Jesus.

2 Corinthians 12:8-9 – Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.