

What can we learn about being fathers from our Father?

- Romans 1:7, 1 Corinthians 1:3, 2 Corinthians 1:2, Galatians 1:3, Ephesians 1:2, Philippians 1:2, Colossians 1:2, 2 Thessalonians 1:2, 1 Timothy 1:2, 2 Timothy 1:2, Titus 1:4, Philemon 3, 2 John 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father.
 - Impart a gracious character: kind, patient, gentle
 - Impart a peaceful character: trusting, optimistic, having priorities
- 2 Corinthians 1:3 – 4 The Father of mercies and God of all comfort.
 - An intense desire to fix what ails you
 - Providing comfort when times are tough
- Galatians 4:6 God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father.”
 - Taking the time for a personal connection
 - Initiating the connection
 - 1 John 1:3 Truly our fellowship is with the Father
- Ephesians 1:17 The Father of glory may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him.
 - Teaching how to think
 - Discussing the Scriptures on a child’s level
 - Teaching the character of Jesus
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16 – 17 Now may the Lord Jesus Christ and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.
 - Doing what is best for the other person regardless of the effect on me.
 - Consolation, comfort
 - Good hope through a gracious character
 - Set them up for success
- Hebrews 12:5 – 11 God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?
 - Provide tasks to develop a work ethic
 - Provide correction, not punishment
- James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights
 - These gifts are far more important than the latest toy
 - Lighting the way
- 1 Peter 1:17 If you call on the Father who without partiality judges...
 - Judge impartially
 - The children know that they will get the truth, not hype