

FACTORPOINTS

Don't act like an orphan in your Father's Kingdom/House.

He is Here - We Worship: Because of religion we fail to get into the presence of our Father. Spend time this week in your Father's presence. (Psalm 27:4-5 and Psalm 84:10)

He Knows - We Learn: Study the names of God. We all need to know who is our Daddy.

He is Able- We Serve: Share the love of your Father with someone this week.

Children Learn What They Live

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If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.

If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.

If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive.

If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves.

If children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy.

If children live with jealousy, they learn to feel envy.

If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.

If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.

If children live with tolerance, they learn patience.

If children live with praise, they learn appreciation.

If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.

If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.

If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal.

If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.

If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.

If children live with fairness, they learn justice.

If children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect.

If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and in those about them.

If children live with friendliness, they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.

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HAPPY FATHERS DAY!



LOVE
THE FRUIT
OF A GOOD,
GOOD
FATHER

WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS

SATURDAYS 5PM

SUNDAYS 8:30AM / 10:30AM / 12:30PM

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES

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LOVE the Fruit of a Good, Good Father

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GETTING REAL

From the beginning of time, one of the most successful plans of the devil against humanity has been to promote fatherless homes. According to a report of the US Department of Health and Human Services, 7 out of 10 African American, 4 out of 10 Hispanic, and 3 out of 10 Caucasian kids are born out of wedlock. Some of the consequences of these statistics are that 90% of homeless or runaway children, 71% of pregnant teenagers, 63% of youth suicides, 85% of youth in prisons and 75% of adult prisoners come from fatherless homes. America spends \$59.9 billion each year due to fatherlessness.

WE HAVE A FATHER (ROMANS 8:14-16)

Adam and Eve were not just a part of God's creation; they were His children.

"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God." Romans 8:14 NIV

The Bible calls Jesus the first born of God because every human being who has been saved by the blood of Christ is a son or a daughter of God.

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you." John 14:18 NASB

Satan separated God from His family by tempting man to disobey God. The result of that separation is that generation after generation of God's children grow up without a father and since we learn what we live, unless something drastic is done this sad story will continue. But there is hope...

A GOOD, GOOD FATHER (GENESIS 2:4-17; 3:1-6)

Because Adam and Eve didn't know God well, Satan was able to separate them from Him. They didn't know what a good Father He was.

"And he said to the woman, 'Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from [any tree of the garden?]' The woman said to the serpent, 'From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or

you will die.'" The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate." **Genesis 3:1-6 NASB**

We get to know the nature of our Father by knowing/abiding in Christ (John 14:6-11).

A FATHER'S LOVE MAKES HIM A PROVIDER

Jesus Knew His Father as a Provider

"Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?" Matthew 26:53 NASB

"Give us this day our daily bread." Matthew 6:11 NASB

Result - When a father provides for his family, they grow up without shame or fear of lack.

A FATHER'S LOVE MAKES HIM A PROTECTOR

Jesus Knew His Father as a Protector

"HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU" Matthew 4:6 NASB

Result - When a father protects his family, they grow up secure, they fear no evil.

A FATHER'S LOVE MAKES HIM A GIVER OF IDENTITY

Jesus Knew a Loving and Accepting Father

"...and a voice came out of the heavens: 'You are My Beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased.'" Mark 1:11 NASB

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, 'This is My Beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!'" Matthew 17:5 NASB

Result - When a father gives identity to his family, they grow up feeling loved and without rejection. They don't look for acceptance in other people, material things or in what they do.