

FATHER'S DAY 2026

INTRODUCTION:

Today I want to talk about the 7 characteristics of God the Father that every father should reflect. It is important to note that earthly fathers are called to reflect God's character.

I. God the Father Is a Giver of Good Gifts

Matthew 7:11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

Romans 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

God delights in providing for His children. Fathers should be generous, attentive, and caring.

II. God the Father Is Patient

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Luke 15:20 "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

God patiently works with us despite our failures.

Fathers must give their children room to grow and mature.

III. God the Father Is Loving and Compassionate

Psalms 103:13 As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him.

Acts 17:30 Truly, these times of ignorance
God overlooked, but now commands all
men everywhere to repent,

God's love is tender and compassionate.
Fathers should show empathy and
understanding.

IV. God the Father Disciplines in Love

Hebrews 12:5-6 And you have forgotten the
exhortation which speaks to you as to sons:

"MY SON, DO NOT DESPISE THE
CHASTENING OF THE LORD, NOR BE
DISCOURAGED WHEN YOU ARE
REBUKED BY HIM; (6) FOR WHOM
THE LORD LOVES HE CHASTENS,
AND SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM
HE RECEIVES."

Proverbs 23:13-14 Do not withhold
correction from a child, For *if* you beat
(strike) him with a rod, he will not
die. (14) You shall beat him with a rod,
And deliver his soul from hell.

God the Father disciplines His children to save them and teach them. Discipline is an expression of love, not anger.

Fathers also should correct with wisdom, consistency, and grace.

V. God the Father Is a Protector

Psalm 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Nehemiah 4:14 And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, **Be not ye afraid of them:** remember the Lord, *which is great and terrible*, and **fight for your** brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.

God provides safety and security and fights for His children.

Fathers should protect their families physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

VI. God the Father Is Present

Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he *it is* that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

God is always near to His children.

Fathers should be actively involved in their children's lives.

VII. God the Father Is Forgiving

Psalms 86:5 For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

Matthew 6:14-15 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: (15) But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 18:35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

God freely extends grace and forgiveness.
Fathers should model mercy and reconciliation.

Conclusion,

A godly father reflects the character of his Heavenly Father:

- 1) a giver of good gifts;
- 2) patient,
- 3) loving and compassionate;
- 4) a disciplinarian in love;
- 5) a protector, present, and
- 6) forgiving.