

David the Dad

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Three truths that we have to remember:

1. We all have an _____ father
2. We have a _____ father
3. We cannot let what's _____ with our earthly father keep us from celebrating all that is _____ with our heavenly father.

Psalm 68:5-6 (NLT)

Father to the fatherless, defender of widows—this is God, whose dwelling is holy. 6 God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy. But he makes the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

- Proverbs 4:1-3

- Proverbs 4:4-9

Fathers are stewards of _____.

- Wisdom = the APPLICATION of knowledge.

- Proverb 4:20-22

A Father's words should give LIFE.

- Proverbs 4:23

- 1 Kings 11:4

A Father's failures do not have to be FINAL.

Big Idea –The GREATEST thing that I can do, is INVEST all of me, into some of you.

How do we live this out?

1. Start with your _____ –

- Proverbs 4:24 Avoid all perverse talk; stay away from corrupt speech.

2. Start where you _____ –

- Proverbs 4:25 Look straight ahead and fix your eyes on what lies before you.

3. Stay on the right _____ –

- Proverbs 4:26-27 Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path. 27 Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil.



Discuss and Apply

Use the following questions to help you formulate age-appropriate questions to stimulate conversation that matter. Please share your ideas and experiences with us at connect@manna.church.

1. What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
 2. Reflect on Dr. Serrano's statement: We cannot let what's **WRONG** with our earthly father keep us from celebrating all that is **GREAT** with our heavenly father.
 3. Discuss the application of Dr. Serrano's suggestions on "**How do we live this out**"
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Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for being our eternal Father. Lord, I confess you are perfect in all of your ways.

Thank you for our earthly fathers. Help us to receive their wisdom and forgive their faults. Heal wounds caused by OUR words and actions. Bridge the gaps that divide and make us all instruments of your peace.

Help us learn from those you place in our lives that we might enjoy wholeness in our lives, extending your wisdom and blessing to the next generation.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

At Manna We Believe

God created man in His own image, in a state of original righteousness, from which he subsequently fell by a voluntary revolt, and as a consequence is guilty, inherently corrupt, and subject to divine wrath. The unregenerate are totally depraved and do not possess a will free from the dominion of the sin nature.

Man's Salvation consists of the remission of sins, the impartation of the righteousness of Jesus Christ, the gift of eternal life and the concomitant blessings thereof, which are a free gift of God, and received by faith alone apart from human works of merit. Even the ability to believe is a gift of God. This blessing in no way relieves men of their responsibility to repent and believe. After repentance towards God and faith towards the Lord Jesus Christ, the believer is to publicly proclaim his identity with Christ by immersion in water baptism, in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.