

The Fatherhood of God and Fathers

1. God, our Father, is perfect

- Matthew 5:48- “Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”
- Application:
 - A. “Be perfect” by knowing and loving Jesus as your Lord and Savior.
 - B. “Be perfect” by living a radically holy, self-sacrificing, God-honoring life.

2. God, our Father, is loving

- 1 John 3:1- “See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God, and such we are.”
- John 15:13- “Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.”
- Application: Love sacrificially, love the unlovely.

3. God, our Father, is generous

- Matthew 6:26- “Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap, nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?”
- Application: Be Generous!

4. God, our Father, is our authority

- Hebrews 12:6,7- “For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines...”
- Psalm 86:15- “But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness and truth.”
- Application: Discipline your children in love.

5. God, our Father, knows our needs

- Matthew 6:8- “...Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.”
- Applications:
 - A. Father Knows Best
 - B. Provide for your family (financially, physically, spiritually, emotionally...)

6. God, our Father, loves His enemies

- Romans 5:10- “For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”
- Matthew 5:44- “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”
- Application: Loving your enemies speaks volumes to your children.

7. God, our Father, is faithful

- 2 Timothy 2:13- “If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.”
- Applications:
 - A. Be faithful to your wife
 - B. Keep your word to your kids.



