

## **Wo-Men Part 6 THE ABC'S OF FATHERHOOD**

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**1 Chronicles 14:8, Matthew 7:7-12, Matthew 3:17, Philippians 2:9-11, Matthew 26:53**

**Encouragement:** This week Pastor Miles made the observation that with each new level in our spiritual growth come "new devils". New or greater challenges that await us at each stage of the Christian walk, as we are able to receive them. And for their intended purpose to grow and prosper us into spiritual maturity. It is fitting that on this Father's Day Pastor Miles reminded the dads that God the Father sets the tone and manner or what being a good father is and looks like. And as we become more like Him we are to model His ways in our ways, that we also may be a good, good father. It's who we are...

**Ice Breaker Question:** Who's your favorite TV dad? Why?

### **Opening Questions:**

1. How many other peoples dads would you consider to be good fathers? a. All of them b. Most of them c. Half of them d. Some of them e. None of them
2. Your own father would compare to the others in which way? a. The best of all time b. Better than average c. Average c. Below average d. uggggg
3. What or who did you use as the standard by which you measured fathers by? a. Your own father b. Each other c. Our Pastor d. An imaginary father, e. Jesus

### **Scripture:**

1. God affirmed His son in many places, Matthew 3:17, Philippians 2:9-11, Mark 9:7, John 12:28, and in a great amount of detail in Hebrews chapter 1. In what ways have you affirmed your children? How did or do they respond? What do you learn about who God is from these verses? What do you learn about the kind of Father we should aim to be?
2. It is clear from a multitude of verses that God provides all things to all of creation. Not just needs but for our wants as well. Read Matthew 7:7-12. What do these verses show us about God? Man? What do you feel God is speaking to you through this passage? How will you respond to God's teaching?

### **Prayers:**

Think back on the tone your father set in your family. Ask God to give you the wisdom to do as well or better in the good things and to remove from you any of the negative things you may have brought forward or brought fourth into your family.

Write down an area of your life where God is currently molding you to become a better father.

Are you harboring any ill will towards your family that you need to confess? Ask his Holy Spirit to help in asking for forgiveness for any shortcomings due to actions or inaction in your own home, and from those you encounter in your daily life.

Remember: Forgiveness is NOT: Approval of something that happened. Forgiveness is: "No longer holding another responsible for the hurt they caused you." The truth of it is that they were never meant to be our enemy. Our true enemies are sin and the father of sin.

Pray for the Fathers strength to protect you and your family from all attacks whether from flesh or blood, or the rulers, authorities, and powers of this dark world, and of the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Ask the Father, what you can do to provide a protective covering for your children.

**Next Steps:**

1. List some actions you can take to better affirm your children in the things they do?
2. Write out a blessing for each member of your family, fold it up, pray over it, and pray it over with each of them.
3. Bless an orphan with a one time or reoccurring gift of time talent or treasure through an orphanage or charity.
4. Wish your father a Happy Father's Day. Yes you can.

**Video:** <http://www.worshiphousemedia.com/mini-movies/45908/happy-fathers-day-jesus>

**Wisdom** "Forgiveness & Unforgiveness both have children! Grace is undeserved merit. Mercy is not receiving what we DO deserve.

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**Luke 18:19** "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone.

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