

Fatherhood Notes!

^{KJV} **Genesis 2:22-24** *And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.*

23 *And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.*

24 *Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*

^{KJV} **1 Corinthians 4:15** *For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.*

^{KJV} **Matthew 6:9** *After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.*

There are **earthly** fathers; **spiritual** fathers and a **heavenly** father!

Just as we can have **only one** earthly father—we have **one spiritual** and **one heavenly father!**

Fatherhood is a powerful construct! Fatherhood is God's idea!

Fathers are the male parent of the two; so gender obviously matters!

It seems inconsistent, unnatural as well as ungodly for children to have parents that are not male and female!

For in order for a child to have a father that **one must be a male** and not the so called head of the house or genetically or physiologically altered!

Fatherhood and masculinity go hand and hand! **Masculinity** speaks of **strength and boldness!**

It takes **strength and boldness** to build and hold a family together!

Men need strength and boldness for **work and warfare!**

Strength to work and provided a secure and stable environment for their families.

Boldness to face the enemies that come against the well-being of his family!

Because the father's seed produces the children; it is he who loves, protects, provides for and governs the household or the family.

NIV Matthew 6:31-32 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

Father's take care of their children's needs because they are a part of their children's lives and pay attention to what they need as they grow.

This is what Jesus meant when He said this and it's a reminder to all fathers to pay attention to their children and meet their needs so they don't worry about food, clothing, shelter and the important things.

We have **earthly** fathers; we have **spiritual** fathers and a **heavenly** father!

Our first encounter with a father is our earthly father; he sets the tone for what we know about our Heavenly Father and how we respond to our spiritual father.

I have found in talking with others pastors that people who've had their fathers in their lives are easier to pastor than those who haven't!

People who've been loved, protected and corrected by their father are easier to teach, lead and correct.

Our Heavenly and spiritual father's strength and boldness are misunderstood by people raised without a father.

People who weren't raised with the love and protection of a father can't always **recognize correction as love!**

NIV Matthew 7:9-11 "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?

10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?

11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

Jesus says our Heavenly Father will never give us stones for bread or snakes for fish!

Children must know their earthly father will never give them stones for bread nor snakes for fish!

This church must know I have never given you stones for bread nor snakes for fish!

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Good fathers like our Heavenly Father love to give good gifts to their children!

KJV Proverbs 3:12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

The father is primarily responsible to instruct, correct and discipline the children—so he has to be strong, wise and courageous!

The last mentioning of a father in scripture is found in **Rev 3:21!**

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Jesus says the sole purpose of The Fathers love, instruction and correction is to prepare us to sit on the throne and rule with Him.

To prepare us for life as kings and priests, not beggars and criminals!

A good father leaves and inheritance for his children's children!