

OUR FATHER

John 17:25-26

Fathers matter

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." Exodus 20:12

If someone curses their father or mother, their lamp will be snuffed out in pitch darkness. Proverbs 20:20

Two wrong strategies:

- measure Dad by God's standards -> Dad is not enough
- measure God by Dad's standards -> God is not enough

Know your heavenly Father, through Jesus

No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known. John 1:18

"Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them." John 17:25-26

He is good

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

He is loving

For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Psalm 57:10

The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands. John 3:35

Approachable love

1 John 3:1a

Profound love

John 3:16-17

Permanent love

John 10:28, Romans 8:38-39

Know your heavenly Father... (continued)

He gives good gifts

"Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 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!" Matthew 7:9-11

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17

He knows what you need

"And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom." Luke 12:29-32

The best way to honor your earthly father:

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:18

Thank you!

Let him know how he points you to your heavenly father

- ...for being faithful to our family like God is faithful! (Psalm 57:10)
- ...for forgiving me when I do wrong, just like God forgives! (Ephesians 4:32)
- ...for always loving me! (Psalm 136:1)
- ...for protecting our family! (Psalm 121:7-8)
- ...for taking care of us like a loving Shepherd! (Isaiah 40:11)

...in all circumstances

- Forgive him (Colossians 3:13)
- Remind him that you need him (Proverbs 14:26)
- Affirm him for what he has done right (1 Peter 4:11)