

Ideal Father - cont.

grace.

- 2 Thessalonians 2:16 -

Like our heavenly father, an ideal father always acts in a trustworthy way toward his children so they can put their hope and truth in him. Fathers, are we a constant and consistent influence for good in our children's lives?

I rejoice greatly that I have found certain of thy children walking in truth, even as we received commandment from the Father.

- 2 John 4 -

Like our heavenly father, an ideal father commands his children in the right way according to the word of God. Fathers, are we teaching our children the right way through commandments?

Like Father Like Son

Fathers, as we are honored today by our friends and family, let us all honor our Father in heaven by following his example. Let's be like our heavenly Father. Fathers are truly honored when they follow the example of their heavenly Father. Fathers, give your children something truly to honor this day (Proverbs 17:6). - *Chris Reeves*

Sentence Sermons

- Others may destroy your reputation, but only you can destroy your character.
- Salvation is free, but not cheap. Salvation is a gift, but it must be accepted.
- When you have to eat your own words, you usually don't ask for another serving.
- It's easier to tell someone what you think than to tell them what you know.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

An Ideal Father

At this time of the year when we rightly honor our father's on Father's Day, I want to ask the question: Who is an ideal father? An ideal father is a father who acts just like our heavenly Father. Earthly fathers who live the right kind of lives can be honored and they themselves can honor God. How can earthly fathers honor and be honored by their heavenly Father? Let's take a look.

Honor Your Father

It is appropriate to honor our earthly fathers (Malachi 1:6; Ephesians 6:1-2; Hebrews 12:9). After all, fatherhood is a great responsibility, a great blessing, and greatly needed today and vital to all. What can fathers learn from God our Father (1 Corinthians 8:6; Hebrews 12:9; Malachi 2:10)? How can they be like God?

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Be not therefore like unto them: for your Father knows what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.
- Matthew 6:8 -

Like our heavenly father, an ideal father knows both the physical and the

spiritual the needs of his children. Fathers, are we too pre-occupied with work and the things of this life to really know our children's needs?

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, neither shadow that is cast by turning.
- James 1:17 -

Like our heavenly father, an ideal father provides for the physical and the spiritual needs of his children. Fathers, are we too busy with other things to provide for our children's needs?

Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are.
- 1 John 3:1 -

Like our heavenly father, an ideal father sacrificially loves and gives up for his children. Fathers, are we sacrificially loving our children and putting their needs before our own?

For whom Jehovah loves he reproveth, even as a father the son in whom he delights.
- Proverbs 3:12 -

Like our heavenly father, an ideal father disciplines his children. He offers

proper instruction, correction, and punishment if need be, for his children. Fathers, are we doing the challenging work of disciplining our children?

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.
- Matthew 6:14-15 -

Like our heavenly father, an ideal father forgives his children when they repent and come back. Fathers, are we forgiving of our children and of others?

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; ⁴ who comforts us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort them that are in any affliction, through the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.
- 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 -

Like our heavenly father, an ideal father mercifully comforts his children when they go through difficult times in their life. Fathers, are we comforting?

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through