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The Love of Fathers Should be like The Love of God

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The Love of God. The Love of Fathers

Matthew 1:18-24 Living Bible (TLB)

18 These are the facts concerning the birth of Jesus Christ: His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But while she was still a virgin she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. 19 Then Joseph, her fiancé, being a man of stern principle, decided to break the engagement but to do it quietly, as he didn't want to publicly disgrace her. 20 As he lay awake considering this, he fell into a dream, and saw an angel standing beside him. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "don't hesitate to take Mary as your wife! For the child within her has been conceived by the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will have a Son, and you shall name him Jesus (meaning 'Savior'), for he will save his people from their sins. 22 This will fulfill God's message through his prophets— 23 'Listen! The virgin shall conceive a child! She shall give birth to a Son, and he shall be called "Emmanuel" (meaning "God is with us")." 24 When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel commanded and brought Mary home to be his wife,

Sometimes it's not easy being a father!

Luke 2:45-50 Amplified Bible (AMP)

45 When they did not find Him, they went back to Jerusalem looking for Him [everywhere]. 46 Three days later they found Him in the [court of the] temple, sitting among the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. 47 All who heard Him were amazed by His intelligence and His understanding and His answers. 48 When they saw Him, they were overwhelmed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us like this? Listen, Your [a]father and I have been [greatly distressed and] anxiously looking for You." 49 And He answered, "Why did you have to look for Me? Did you not know that I had to be [b]in My Father's house?" 50 But they did not understand what He had said to them.

What would this world be if our fathers and our Heavenly Father were ONE?

➤ Fathers: Biological - Surrogate - Spiritual

John 10:30 Easy-to-Read Version (ERV)

The Father and I are one.”

John 10:30 Amplified Bible (AMP)

I and the Father are One [in essence and nature].”

The Love of God

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 New Living Translation (NLT)

4 Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud 5 or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. 6 It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. 7 **Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.** 8 Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever!

1 Corinthians 13:12-13 Amplified Bible (AMP)

12 For now [in this time of imperfection] we see in a mirror dimly [a blurred reflection, a riddle, an enigma], but then [when the time of perfection comes we will see reality] face to face. Now I know in part [just in fragments], but then I will know fully, just as I have been fully known [by God]. 13 And now there remain: **faith** [abiding trust in God and His promises], **hope** [confident expectation of eternal salvation], **love** [unselfish love for others growing out of God’s love for me], these three [**the choicest graces**]; but **the greatest of these is love.**

The Love of God. A father with revelation is a father with heavenly vision

Revelation from The Father provides vision to earthly fathers

- **Revelation**
- **It is one thing to know that “God so loved the world...”, and quite another to believe that God loves you, in a personal way that involves experiencing all His Goodness. In fact, the Bible acknowledges this when it states in 1 John 4:16 that we must “know and believe” the love God has for us. *While knowing acknowledges something, believing takes ownership and enjoys the benefits of it.***

1 John 4:16 (ERV)

So we know the love that God has for us, and we trust that love.

The Love of God. A repentant father is a father of restored purpose

- **Repent: In theology, to sorrow or be pained for sin, as a violation of God's holy law, a dishonor to his character and government, and the foulest ingratitude to a Being of infinite benevolence.**

Acts 3:19 Amplified Bible (AMP)

So repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, regret past sins] and return [to God—seek His purpose for your life], so that your sins may be wiped away [blotted out, completely erased], so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord [restoring you like a cool wind on a hot day];

The Love of God. A father cannot adequately give to his children if he does not receive from his Father

➤ **Received**

Romans 5:2-5 Amplified Bible (AMP)

2 Through Him we also have access by faith into this [remarkable state of] grace in which we [firmly and safely and securely] stand. Let us rejoice in our hope and the confident assurance of [experiencing and enjoying] the glory of [our great] God [the manifestation of His excellence and power]. 3 And not only this, but [with joy] let us exult in our sufferings and rejoice in our hardships, knowing that hardship (distress, pressure, trouble) produces patient endurance; 4 and endurance, proven character (spiritual maturity); and proven character, hope and confident assurance [of eternal salvation]. 5 Such hope [in God's promises] never disappoints us, because **God's love has been abundantly poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.**

Make sure you receive on good ground and not contaminated ground!

Matthew 13:18-23 New Living Translation (NLT)

18 "Now listen to the explanation of the parable about the farmer planting seeds: 19 The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don't understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts. 20 **The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. 21 But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word.** 22 The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced. 23 **The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"**

The Love of God. A father that renews his mind in Christ is a Maturing father

➤ **Renewed**

Romans 12:1-2 Amplified Bible (AMP)

1 Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies [dedicating all of yourselves, set apart] as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God, which is your rational (logical, intelligent) act of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but **be transformed and progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical**

attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you].

- **You won't experience the well of Love if you keep drinking from the well of doubt, lies, fear, unbelief.**

The Love of God. Fathers should give their children the Love God gave them

- **Return**

Proverbs 22:6 Amplified Bible (AMP)

Train up a child in the way they should go [teaching them to seek God's wisdom and will for their abilities and talents], Even when they are old they will not depart from it.

Mark 12:30-31 New International Version (NIV)

30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' **There is no commandment greater than these."**