



Empowering People to Change the World

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God Had a Plan...Satan Had a Scheme

We All Need a Father

“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God and trust also in Me. There is more than enough room in My Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with Me where I am. And you know the way to where I am going.” “No, we don’t know, Lord,” Thomas said. “We have no idea where You are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus told him, “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through Me. If you had really known Me, you would know who My Father is. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him!” Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and we will be satisfied.” Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip and yet you still don’t know who I am? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father! So why are you asking Me to show Him to you? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words I speak are not My own, but My Father who lives in Me does His work through Me.” (John 14:1-10)

Traits of a Good Father

1. A Good Father is Around and Not Absent (in Presence or in Mind)

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, the Lord is my helper and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. (Hebrews 11:5-6)

2. A Good Father Speaks to and Leads His Children

My sheep hear My voice and I know them and they follow Me. (John 10:27)

3. A Good Father Disciplines His Children in Love

And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons: “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, or lose heart when He rebukes you. For the Lord disciplines the one He loves and He chastises everyone He receives as a son.” Endure suffering as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? (Hebrews 12:6)

4. A Good Father Loves at All Times

The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.” (Jeremiah 31:3)

“For I am the Lord, I change not.” (Mal. 3:6)

5. A Good Father Choses You to Be in His House

For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. (Eph. 1:4)

The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (Rev. 13:8)

There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear involves punishment. The one who fears has not been perfected in love. We love because He first loved us. (1 John 4:18-19)

And lo, a voice from heaven saying, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” (Matthew 3:17)

6. A Good Father Gives Good Gifts to His Sons and Daughters

Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a scorpion? 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 the Holy Spirit to those who ask him! (Luke 11:11-13)

Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ. (Galatians 1:10)