WHAT IS A FATHER?


Verse #18 - “And will be a Father unto you ...”

Sad to say, many men (and women) have never had a good role model in their father.

Here are some good qualities that make a good dad:

1) Loving - I Cor. 13:13
2) Kind - Eph. 4:32
3) Caring - I Peter 5:7 (b)
4) Patient - Ro. 12:12 / I Thess. 5:14
5) Understanding - Prov. 3:13
7) Wise - Prov. 4:7 / Prov. 11:30(b)
8) Honest - I Tim. 2:2(b)
9) Trusting - Ps. 37:3
10) Compassionate - Matt. 5:23
11) Merciful - Lam. 3:23
13) Teaches - Ps. 32:8
14) Godly - I Tim. 4:8
15) Respects - Heb. 12:28
16) Prays - James 5:16
17) Studies - II Tim. 2:15
18) Obeys - Ps. 119:105
19) Works - I Tim. 5:8 / II Thess. 3:10

Notice  II Cor. 6:17 says, "come out from among them and be ye separate . . ."

There is no way a father can have many of these outstanding qualities today, in our worldly society, unless he is sold out for Jesus and puts others before himself.

Matt. 10:39 - "He that findeth his life shall lose it, and he that loseth his life for My sake, shall find it."

Here are some specific Biblical instructions to fathers:

Eph. 6:4 - "And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."
Col. 3:21 - "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged."


Read verses: #21 - #24.

CLOSING REMARKS:
As our Heavenly Father loves, forgives, and has compassion upon us, so father's today need to display these same qualities. The prodigal son's father is a type of our Heavenly Father.

This forgiving, earthly father supercedes the "norm". He's beyond an ordinary father. The unconditional love he bestows to the rebellious son, as well as the wisdom he shares with the eldest, is worth noticing.

What makes a father extraordinary?

The answer comes from the pages of the Bible.

Here's an example found in Matt. 22 : 37 - 39.

When you love God the most, above anyone or anything else, you can't help but start taking on the personality of God. He's a God of love! A God who cares!

Take the challenge to change!

Start becoming ALL God has designed and created you to be. It begins by humble repentance and surrender, as you open yourself to His mercy, grace and love.

Jeremiah 29:13 - "And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with ALL your heart."