

This is our final lesson in this series on Parenting. There are so many layers in parenting that it is hard to address very many of them.

Simple Reminders for Parents

- (1) While the moment seems _____, the seasons really change _____
- (2) Growing in the Lord leads you to being a _____ parent
- (3) A bad day does not _____ your family
- (4) It is amazing what God can do with _____ parents
- (5) It's ok to be _____ and do things differently than others.
- (6) God has _____ you with your children
- (7) God will be there when you _____
- (8) God can use your child for _____ things



Our God as a Father

In our final lesson, we want to look at the best example of parenting and that is God.

A. Sprinkled very sparingly in the OT is God as a Father

- Deut 32:6 Is not He your _____ who has bought you?
- Isa 63:16 For You are our _____ (64:8)
- Jer 31:9 For I am a father to _____
- Mal 1:8 Then if I am a father, where is my _____?

B. The NT picture is much different

"Father" was Jesus' most common expression for God
 - _____x in the sermon on the mount Jesus uses the word Father

1. Jesus taught His disciples to address God as "Father," in the model prayer (Mt 6:9)
2. Jesus referred Heaven as "My Father's _____" (14:2)

C. The contrast between the OT image and the NT picture is remarkable (Heb 12:18-24)

What stands out in this contrast?

In what ways is God a "Father" to us?

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In what ways is God a better "Father" to us?

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1. God deals with you as with sons (Heb 12:4-13)

How does God discipline us?

Knowing God as "Father" brings what blessings to you?

Parents

P is for patience
A is for appreciation
R is for reinforcing the values
E is for enthusiasm
N is for nearness to God
T is for togetherness
S is for smiles