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“THE HEART OF A FATHER”

‘Fathers... your child sees you as the closet thing to God.’

Joshua 24: 15-16 “We will serve the Lord.”

“See how very much our heavenly Father loves us, for He allows us to be called His children, and we really are!..” I John 3:1 NLT.

The heart of a father is found in the heart of God. In order for a man to be the kind of father that his children need, a man must understand what kind of a father God is to his children.

John 17:21

1. *Example*- A Dad should be like Jesus Christ. “I need to *Proverb it.*” Mark Reese.
2. *Leadership*- A Dad is respected because he gives his children leadership. *Word.*
3. *Care*- A Dad is appreciated because he gives his children care. *Umbrella.*
4. *Time*- A Dad is valued because he gives his children time. *Quality togetherness.*
5. *Himself*- A Dad is loved because he gives his children the one thing they treasure the most- himself. *Being Available!*

God to Abraham-

“Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.” Genesis 15:1.

Fathers to their children-

“Fear not,..... I am your shield and your exceeding great reward.”

Fathers.. “strengthen your family with all might, according to His glorious power.”

“The ideal man doesn’t smoke, doesn’t drink, doesn’t do drugs, doesn’t swear, doesn’t get angry, doesn’t exist.” Unknown.

Only Jesus was the ideal man. How much like Jesus are you to your children?