

**The Ultimate Father
Desires to Adopt You
and Transform
Your Life!**



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**Pastor Who Breathlessly Praised
Mothers Last Month Absolutely
Thrashes Congregation's Dads
On Father's Day**

Benefits for children whose fathers are present...

Emotions controlled better

Better physical health

Healthier relationships

Feel safe and confident

Less likely to use drugs

Perform better in school

Less financial trouble

Get into less trouble

Even when earthly fathers are not present, we have a Heavenly Father who is Always present!

Data from 2015 National Fatherhood Initiative Survey

2 Corinthians 6:11-18 (ESV) ¹¹ We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹² You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³ In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also. ¹⁴ Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? ¹⁵ What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ¹⁷ Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, ¹⁸ **and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."**

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Paul and his coworkers in the Gospel have given heart and soul to the Corinthian people, but they are enamored by those who are degrading Paul and his teaching.

When your heart is widened with Christ, you'll be able to see more clearly and recognize true motives. In this case, recognizing that Paul desires what is best for them.... Jesus!

Do you regularly examine your heart to make sure that Jesus is your number one priority?

2 Corinthians 6:14-16 (NKJV) ¹⁴ Do not be unequally yoked

Are you rightfully jealous when others try to take family or friends away from you? Now, consider God's relationship...

¹⁵ And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God.

As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people."

Visualize you and another in a yoke. Paul often pulls from Old Testament imagery to point to how it can be applied to our walk in Christ.

When God is truly dwelling in you, He is jealous of those who take you away from Him.

If Jesus is the center of your life, and your closest friends don't have Christ, there will be much disagreement.

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God desires a deep and fulfilling relationship with us as His children. This can only be possible when we pursue Him and leave behind the things that pull us away from Him.

Galatians 4:4-5 (HCSB) ⁴ When the time came to completion, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Do you recognize that when you follow Christ, that you share in the inheritance with our Father?