



What Fathers Need | Pastor Daren L. Barron | June 18, 2023

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John 3:16 New King James Version

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

- Fathers need to Receive....Fathers need to Give
- A father cannot give what he has not received.
- When a father receives all is possible for him.

What Fathers Need: The Fruit of the Spirit

- The Fruit of the Spirit (His Presence in us)

Galatians 5:22-23 Amplified Bible

22 But the fruit of the Spirit [**the result of His presence within us**] is love [unselfish concern for others], joy, [inner] peace, patience [not the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting], kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23 Worldwide English (New Testament)

22 But these are the things which the Spirit wants you to show: love, joy, peace, patience, being kind, being good, being true, being gentle, and keeping the body under control. There is no law that says, 'These things are wrong.' 23 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have stopped doing the wrong things they want to do. They have stopped them just as if they were killed on a cross. And they have even stopped wanting to do them.

What Fathers Need: Self-Control

- Self-Control: the ability to control oneself, in particular one's emotions and desires or the expression of them in one's behavior, especially in difficult situations.
- Self-control is the war between impulsivity and doing what's right or beneficial. It's the ability to control emotions, impulses or behaviors to achieve a greater goal.
- 2 Timothy 1:7 says, "**For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.**" With the Holy Spirit inside of us, we are able to possess self-control and demonstrate the fruits of the Spirit. As a result, we can live in a way that is honorable to God.
- "If you do not conquer self, you will be conquered by self."

What Fathers Need: Gentleness

1 Timothy 6:11-12a English Standard Version

11 But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith.

- The Christian life is the active life. Sin does not just leave us alone, we have to flee from it. And we are also told to pursue righteousness and other good things including gentleness. To say we must pursue it implies we are not perfect at it right away—there is more room for growth.
- It's interesting to me how the words gentleness, which ends the sentence, and fight, which begins the next sentence, are placed back-to-back. It's not a contradiction! This verse is showing us that sin will try to keep us back from spiritual growth, but we have to fight for it! As odd as it sounds, we have to fight for gentleness!

What Fathers Need: Faithfulness

Luke 16:9-11 Easy-to-Read Version

9 "I tell you, use the worldly things you have now to make 'friends' for later. Then, when those things are gone, you will be welcomed into a home that lasts forever. 10 Whoever can be faithful with small things can also be faithful with big things. Whoever is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in big things too. 11 If you cannot be trusted with worldly riches, you will not be trusted with the true riches.

- **Faithfulness is one of the main ingredients in Favor!**

What Fathers Need: Goodness

- Goodness: The constant pursuit of God's character (moral qualities which constitute Christian excellence) living and operating on the inside of us; favor shown, acts of benevolence, compassion or mercy, humanity exercised.
- God's Word expressed through everyday actions; choices, decisions are made through the prism of the Word of God.

What Fathers Need: Kindness

- "Kindness is giving hope to those who think they are all alone in this world." "Kindness is seeing the best in others when they cannot see it in themselves." "Kindness is something anyone can give without losing anything themselves." "Kindness is not what you do, but who you are."

Ephesians 4:32 New King James Version

And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

What Fathers Need: Patience

- Patience [not the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting]
- James 1:2-3 says, "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience." Here we see that the testing of our faith also produces patience. Almost everything that produces patience is a situation that we would rather not go through.
- **Patience is the weapon that forces deception to reveal itself!**

What Fathers Need: Peace

- Peace (from within)...Peace is not the absence of conflict, but the absence of inner conflict.

John 14:27 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

27 Peace I leave with you; My [own] peace I now give and bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.]

What Fathers Need: Joy

Nehemiah 8:10 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

Then [Ezra] told them, Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet drink, and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. And **be not grieved and depressed, for the joy of the Lord is your strength and stronghold.**

- The joy received from The Lord is a weapon against the enemy's attacks!

What Fathers Need: Love

1 John 4:7-13 Easy-to-Read Version

7 Dear friends, we should love each other, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has become God's child. And so everyone who loves knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love to us: He sent his only Son into the world to give us life through him. 10 True love is God's love for us, not our love for God. He sent his Son as the way to take away our sins. 11 That is how much God loved us, dear friends! So we also must love each other. 12 No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God

lives in us. If we love each other, God's love has reached its goal—it is made perfect in us. 13 We know that we live in God and God lives in us. We know this because he gave us his Spirit.