

# WANTED

## LOVING FATHERS

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2

# **When God Created Fathers**

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**Once Upon A Time...**

1. Honor Your Father

2. Fathers, Love Your Children

# 1. Honor Your Father

a. Forgive him

b. Affirm him

i. Thank him

ii. Pray for him

iii. Tell him you love him

iv. Regular meals with him

v. Memorial Service

vi. Write a letter to him

Dear Dad,

Thank you for being a great Dad. I've only just realized how real and precious you've become to me over the years as I watched you journey with God.

I'm a little shocked at how important you've become to me. Frankly, I'm touched too. You have changed in ways I cannot explain. It is only through living with you that I have seen how God works in your life.

In my childhood, I always remember you as the stern, distant father, not really involved in the life of our family. **Things are very different today with your constant involvement in my life and your belief that you have to lead by example. I have seen your growth—your consistent walk with God and the passion you hold in teaching, loving and guiding me.**

Actually, words cannot really say how much respect and love I have gained for you over these years. **I really thank God for what He's done in your life and I want to affirm you and say I really love you.**

Thanks for being such a true person. **You are someone I can really testify to, as a dad who has changed because you were willing to model the life you want me, as your son, to lead.**

Your Son

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Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough, money can be got but they need your hearts to love them.

So spread love everywhere you go: first of all in your own home. Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next door's neighbor.

Mother Theresa, A Gift for God

# 1. Honor Your Father

# 2. Father, Love Your Children

## Children with involved and caring fathers:

- Have better language and reasoning skills
- Are more ready for the demands of school
- Are more likely to enjoy school and perform better in skill
- Engage less in problem or delinquent behavior and substance abuse
- Show greater self-control and are more secure, trusting, confident, adaptable and sociable
- Experience less emotional distress during adolescence and lower level of anxiety and depression

- I think all dads should **spend more time with us and love** us forever – Yu Lim, 9
- I think all dads should **be a great example and a role model** to their children – Jerome, 10
- I think all dads should **be more loving and caring for their family members and spend more time** playing or doing more activities with all of them – Presley, 10
- I feel unhappy when my dad does not turn off his laptop when it is time for **“family time”** – Samuel, 10





# Be Imitators of God Fathers, Love Your Children

1. God is the loving Father who encourages His children
2. God is the loving Father who is a refuge for His children