

Isaiah 9:6
*For to us a child is born,
 to us a son is given,
 and the government will be on his shoulders.
 And he will be called
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

I. The Daddy Difference

- Everlasting Father: An enduring, compassionate _____ and _____.

"How complex is the person of our Lord Jesus Christ!" - Charles Spurgeon

- A child is not likely to find a Father in God unless that child sees some of God in his/her _____.
- Christ came to be your perfect " _____ " _____.

Psalm 68:5

A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

II. Christmas Is for Kids

Matthew 18:1-4

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

- We will never become _____ apart from becoming _____.

Children are:

- Totally _____
- Desperately _____
- Brutally _____
- _____ without shame
- _____
- Serious about _____ but not about _____.
- Unmatched in their _____

In what ways are you too grown up?

II. My Dad Is.....

A. A Perfect Provider

Matthew 7:9-11

"Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"

- _____ is a byproduct of not knowing your Dad's name.

Matt 6:25-33

Genesis 22:13-14

Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place the Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

- Our _____ always unleashes God's _____.
- Going _____ is a cure for future fears.

Are you trusting in your Father's provision or trying to produce your own?

James 1:17

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

E. A Perfect Protector

Psalm 71:6

From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise you.

Isaiah 41:10

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

- _____ is a result of not knowing your Dad's name.
- The story of Christmas is a story of God's _____.

Matthew 2:19-20

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead."

- Jesus came to defeat life's greatest _____.

Psalm 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?

<p>Three Ways God Protects His Children</p> <p>1. Through his _____ (Romans 12:2)</p> <p>2. Through the _____ _____</p> <p>3. Through the _____ of other believers.</p>

C. A Perfect Disciplinarian

Hebrew 12:7-9

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live!

- God's discipline is an expression of _____, it's a necessity for _____, and it's a motivation for _____.
- The goal of God's discipline is to _____

2 Timothy 3:1-2a

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves...



All I Want for Christmas Is:
Someone to Provide for Me