



## Got or Want a Perfect Father?

*So you should not be like cowering, fearful slaves. You should behave instead like God's very own children, adopted into his family—calling him "Father, dear Father." —Romans 8:15, nlt*

How was it, or is it with your father..good, bad, really weird? You can have the perfect Father today! So whatcha waitin' for? Perhaps you didn't grow up with the most wonderful of all father figures, or maybe you've grown up and feel that the father you had ..was just super excellent! Either way, you can have a good Father who will care for you now.

Personally, I hope you were never hurt, neglected, or wounded by your father. I trust that you wisely show honor, love, and respect your father as well. You might feel that he in no way deserves that. Well do that by faith as unto the Lord. Yes, if your earthly father has blown it big time with you, then God the Father is there for you to meet your needs as you reach out to Him. He is there to help you by His grace in every way He can. He is indeed right next to you now to aid you if you will only let Him.

Is your earthly father still alive? Do you ever ask for advice? Do you have a close relationship with him, where you converse about everyday matters etc?

I am so grateful for the hard working father and mother that I had while growing up. I'm grateful for the good advice too. Life wasn't always easy for my family, but I don't ever remember lacking. He was always a good provider.

But what in the world makes you and me feel that we can do without a close conversational kind of relationship with our heavenly Father? Do you mind if I ask you.. Do you currently have a prayer life where you regularly steal away to be alone with your perfect heavenly Father? Man, it's through Jesus Christ alone and through being brutally honest in prayer ..in His Name (just talkin' it all through with Him) as you address your Father God.. that we each can come into a personal, intimate relationship with Him. Are you already a real Christian who loves to pray?

*You received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba,' Father —niv*

*Faith shines brightest in a childlike heart, from a Father who cares.*

*Unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. —Matthew 18:3*

It's so true! Let me explain. We each can enjoy life during life—such a beautiful relationship with God, all because of what happened on the cross a couple thousand years ago.. when a holy God judged our sin at Calvary, and because our sinless Jesus (God in human flesh) rose from the dead three days later just like He said He would do.

Listen, there were lots of people who witnessed Christ alive after the fact. And you and I SO need Him ..daily! And we need to regularly get candid with Christ and our Father who care about every detail of our lives.

I remember yesterday when I was talking with God in my living room about a person that really did gobs of my best friends a whole lot of wrong ..and then on top of that, this person goes and smears my friends publicly when they didn't do the one who harmed them any wrong at all. In fact, they never did anything to harm anyone in this injurious person's whole family. On the contrary, my thrashed friends had in fact helped this real-abuser with many things for years. Is that how someone kind, giving, serving should be repaid? That's so dicules, it's ridicules—yup, beyond unfair! Perhaps you've endured something like this in your life time. God the Father can help you and your friends get over it.

But I told the Lord exactly how I felt ...like I just hated this evil person! What a no good worthless lousy loser (hey, don't freak out here just 'cause I'm trying to be honest about what I was feeling when too many Christians are not. You might even have thought that Kurt looks something like a saint before. But I don't and I'm sorry if I popped your bubble here, but I too can get ticked off at injustice).

Anyways, I also told the Lord how I was willing to somehow forgive this fool, if I just got some help from above with all that. You see, I've chosen to forgive this person several times over the years and sometimes you and I just need to keep on workin' through it all.. but I really felt like this person should somehow pay ..and not coming from me. Sometimes in this crazy world of ours, it only seems to go well for the short-sighted guides and stubborn overly dogmatic fools and I really wanted this person to learn from their mistakes, grow,, and to never injure another person again. I can't even tell you some of the other thoughts that would try to run through my mind at times.

Today, that person who did all the harm to my friends is over a million dollars in debt and is pretty much floundering and I actually do feel some pity for this person. There are indeed worse people out there. I've even reached out to this person after most of it happened, and even as of late. They don't seem to have changed at all, but they try real hard to appear as if everything has always been OK on their end. What a big mess they've made of their life when it could have been so much better—what a wake of destruction left in the path behind them. A little bit of spiritual compromise, a little bit of disobedience, a little bit of sweeping the sins under the rug, can bring a whole lot of ugliness and damage to many.

Hey, I'm far from a mother-Teresa-type myself, but I chose to forgive this selfish individual and God has totally taken away all the bad feelings I had. Pretty cool huh! He can do that for you, if you need Him to.

I've not always been perfect myself and God has mercifully forgiven me of all my wrong-doin's. Didn't in any way deserve that kindness from God! And God is still using and healing all my friends who were ...in some cases.. severely ill-affected, I mean from this person who betrayed and deeply hurt them. My friends understandably got very far away from this well-meaning but *blind-as-a-bat* leader. They serve elsewhere now.

You know, I just love it that our Father is the ultimate Expert at bringing good out of bad ..and out of even painful circumstances. Feelings are so fickle; they come and go long after the trouble is gone, but God can even help us show love for our enemies while we're in the thick of it.

***If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you.*** —Jesus,  
Matthew 6:14

*See how very much our heavenly Father loves us, for He allows us to be called His children, and we really are! But the people who belong to this world don't know God, so they don't understand that we are His children. —1 John 3:1*

*The Father who holds the universe firm is the same God who is holding you, Christian.*

*And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites when He judges.  
—1 Peter 1:17*

Do you long to begin or have a closer relationship with your perfect Father? Perhaps you don't know where to start. Do you feel too unworthy inside? Are you convinced inside that you are a full-on nobody and therefore you should never be accepted by Him.. much less welcomed by Him into His very presence? Listen; [respond to Him today](#) for that's what the blood on the splintery wood of the cross of Christ was for! The enemy of your soul would urge you to say mañana Papa.. and put it off. Don't listen to that wimp! Get right with Him today!

Man, I praise our constantly amazing Father which art in Heaven ..full-tilt, for there's no one on earth near as wonderful as He! And our entrance into His presence, as we go to pray is not based on our own personal worthiness. It is based upon the worthiness of the Son of God, Jesus Christ! When we each decide to repent and pray to Him in faith, we enter the Lord's presence in Jesus' name. That's how it all can start! He loves that and wants to listen all through out life on earth. Please be born again for real. It's then that we are accepted by God as Jesus is embraced. Oh yes, that's because God counts us as His own dear children!

Jesus invites you to come to Him just as you are ..not wanting to stay as you are, but be willing to be changed from the inside out. In His Name, come into His Father's presence through believing prayer. Yes, crawl up into your kind Father's lap by faith, lay your head down on His strong shoulder of genuine concern.. feel if you will, His loving arms of mighty protection around you, and then thank Him "Abba" Daddy, as you pour out your heart to Him.

I've never personally seen Him turn water into wine as He once did at the Wedding in Cana of Galilee, but I have personally seen Him turn wine into living water for me. I used to get drunk via spirits to avoid the boredom and awkwardness of life, but now I get filled with His Spirit instead. You can too! Turn and trust Him to be a perfect Father for you and you won't be disappointed!

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