

5. Have you found your own heart to be hardened or in rebellion in some area? Psalm 39:7-8, Matthew 15:19. If so are you willing to ask God to search your heart for any hidden thing so you can confess and repent? Psalm 139:23-24; Proverbs 4:20-23; Psalm 51:10.

6. If you are a father or mother what will you do to be sure your children gain a correct view of their Heavenly Father as they watch your life? Psalm 22:30-31. Do they need to hear you confess to them that maybe you have sinned against them so they may be healed? James 5:16.

The Heart Of The Father

1. Our Heavenly Father has created us in His own **IMAGE**.
(*image: a likeness to*) (Genesis 1:27)

2. Through **DECEPTION** and **SIN** the enemy captures our hearts away from our Heavenly Father. (Genesis 3:8)
 - A. Satan is called the **FATHER** of all lies. (John 8:42-44)

3. The **IMAGE** of your earthly father can shape our image of the Heavenly Father. (*image: to call up a mental picture*) (Hebrews 12:10; Ephesians 6:4)

4. God longs for the **HEARTS** of the **FATHERS** to be **TURNED** to their children and the **HEARTS** of the **CHILDREN** to be **TURNED** to their fathers.
(Malachi 4:5-6; I Samuel 15:23; Luke 1:17)

5. **CONFESSION** and **REPENTANCE** restores the father/child relationship both the heavenly and the earthly. (Psalm 32:3-5)

6. Replace the **FALSE** image of God with **TRUTH**.
(Psalm 103:7-15; Psalm 68:5; I John 3:1)

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For the week of May 2, 2010

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. What is your image of the Heavenly Father? Is it a correct view based on Scripture? If so, what can you do to cultivate a deeper relationship with Him?

2. What are the character traits of God that you have experienced firsthand since you have become a Christian? Psalm 103.

3. If the image of your Heavenly Father has been distorted by an earthly fathers' abuse/abandonment/legalism/addiction, how has it affected your life? What steps will you take to be restored to a healthy truthful picture of Him and be healed? Do you need to confess that you have not trusted Him fully because you did not think you could? Psalm 32.

4. Since Satan is the father of all lies, and God is not man that He should lie do you understand why you must be in the Word of God daily renewing your mind? Are you in the Word daily, and if not, what plan of action are you taking to discipline your life to study God's Word?