

The “Father” Analogy

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I Corinthians 4:14-21

- I. Here are the details of this passage. Paul is using an analogy of fatherhood to explain his _____ to the Corinthians. In this analogy there are many _____ that can also be applied to fatherhood today.
 - A. Godly _____ is never meant to harm the child, but it is an act of sincere love. V. 14
 - B. A guardian is _____ the same as a father. V. 15 The Corinthian church will have many guardians but only one father.
 - C. A good father is aware that he will be _____ and takes this into account when he acts. V. 16-17
 - D. When a child loses the _____ view of accountability, they become arrogant. V. 18-19 The cultures in history that have lost this fear tend to slip into anarchy.
 - E. To be a part of God’s Kingdom is to live your life in the healthy view of accountability. A _____ Christian will submit to the god given authorities that they have in their life. A _____ Christian will listen and submit to God’s word and not have the arrogance that they can do anything that they please. V. 20-21
- II. How can we apply these truths to our life?
 - A. Parents must look at the _____ of why and how they discipline their children. When Paul refers to “a rod” of discipline he is not referring to punishing them out of anger. It is obvious that he would rather discipline them out of love with a gentle spirit. The latter will produce more good fruit than the former.
 - B. Scripture is calling men out to be _____ fathers to their children. Many of us have painful memories of past mistakes. These have got to be healed if we can properly use _____ discipline.
 - C. God’s word is exhorting men to _____ what they _____.
 - D. We must not give in to the _____ of the present generation. There is a God!
 - E. We must submit to the authorities that _____ has placed over us. We will live more fulfilled lives if we do. **Ephesians 6:1-3**