

# **“The Example of a Father”**

## **Matt. 7:7-11**

### Introduction

- I. The world desperately needs men who are good, godly fathers.
- II. Too many homes do not have men fulfilling the role of a father.
- III. Our Heavenly Father is the perfect example to emulate.

### Discussion

- I. Good fathers provide.
  - A. Fathers should work to provide for their families (1 Thess. 5:8).
  - B. Fathers should strive to give good things their families (Matt. 7:7-11).
  - C. Our Heavenly Father has always provided for His children (Deut. 8:3-4; Psm. 37:25; Phil. 4:11-20).
- II. Good fathers have high expectations.
  - A. Fathers should make sure that their children have the resources and knowledge that will aid them in their lives (Eph. 6:4; Deut. 6:6-9).
  - B. Our Heavenly Father has high expectations for His children (Matt. 15:16; cf. John 14:9-11; Heb. 5:12-14).
- III. Good fathers forgive.
  - A. Fathers should never become so hardened that are unwilling to forgive their children (example: David and Absalom 2 Sam. 15:1ff; 2 Sam. 18:33).
  - B. Our Heavenly Father is willing to forgive His children (Luke 15:20-24; cf. Paul 1 Cor. 15:9; 1 Tim. 1:15).

### Conclusion

- I. Good, godly fathers are a vital part of the family that God designed.
- II. We should appreciate the men who take the time to be good fathers.