

Series: Father's Day Message  
Scripture: Selected  
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### FATHER KNOWS BEST!

Six characteristics of an effective father based on the relationship between Jesus and our heavenly father...

**F** \_\_\_\_\_ "I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener. **He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he trims clean so that it will be even more fruitful."** John 15:1-2

Hebrews 12:7-11 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. **For what son is not disciplined by his father?...** Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it... Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

**A** \_\_\_\_\_ WITH YOUR KIDS

"I am the good shepherd: I know my sheep and my sheep know me-**Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father...**" John 10:14-15

**T** \_\_\_\_\_ ETERNAL

"When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know who I am and that I do nothing on my own **but speak just what the Father has taught me.**" John 8:28

**H** \_\_\_\_\_ WHAT YOUR KIDS HAVE TO

Then Jesus looked up and said, "**Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me...**"  
John 11:41-42

**E** \_\_\_\_\_ A GODLY

"I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; **he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.**" John 5:19

"Follow my example as I follow the example of Christ"  
1 Corinthians 11:1

**R** \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR KIDS THAT YOU

"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me **because you loved me before the creation of the world.**" John 17:24