

Who is Your Father?

One defining characteristic of who we are is our family line. It is amazing to see the similarities between parents and their children and we often remark at the traits and mannerisms that pass from one generation to the next. Beyond just the physical, we see behaviors and habits that are formed by the relationships we have with our parents. Common phrases such as “like mother, like daughter” or “he is his father’s son” remind us how much we are influenced by those who gave us life. Jesus plainly shows us that this same truth is evident in a spiritual realm, as well.

A. There are 2 paths (*John 8:23-24*)

1. Live for the _____ of God OR for the _____ of men (*1 Pet.4:1-2*)
2. Be led by _____ OR live for the _____ (*Gal.5:16-25*)
3. We are either _____ OR of the _____ (*1 John 4:4-6; John 15:19*)
4. Our affections are for _____ OR for the _____ (*1 John 2:15-17*)
5. We are either _____ of God OR children of the _____ (*1 John 3:8-10*)

⇒ It is impossible to be the child of 2 different fathers (*Matt.6:24; James 4:4*)

B. There are 2 hearts

1. A Rebellious Heart (*John 12:31; John 8:42-47; Rom.1:28 & 32; Eph. 4:18; 2 Peter 2:10*)
2. A Receptive Heart (*John 5:30; Matt.26:39; John 6:38; 1 John 5:3; Psalm 40:8*)

C. Who is YOUR Father?

1. Who do you most look like? (*John 14:9-10; John 10:14-15; 1 Cor.11:1; Phil.3:16-17*)
2. From whom are you learning? (*John 17:17; 2 Thess.2:10-12*)
3. To which one are you drawn? (*John 3:19-21; John 6:44-45*)
4. Which one are you following? (*2 Pet.3:18; Rom. 6:16-18; Rom. 12:1-2*)