

CHILDREN

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In many ways, God measures our relationship with him, the same way that we care for our children.

Jesus speaks of the nature of the kingdom of heaven.

MAR 10:13 And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and *his* disciples rebuked those that brought them.

14 But when Jesus saw *it*, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

15 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

16 And he took them up in his arms, put *his* hands upon them, and blessed them.

God cares for us the same way we care for our children.

MAT 7: 7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

You cannot earn a parents love, it is unconditional.

1JOH 4: 7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

Love is not just a good feeling.

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. *Christ can be seen as a protective older brother.*

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. *Parents love their children long before a child becomes aware of their nature or their provision.*

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. *As we grow older in the Lord, we are expected to have the same type of love towards each other that God has for us.*

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. *The anointing of the Spirit is the birth of salvation... being born again.*

14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son *to be* the Saviour of the world.

15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. *Preaching the gospel to the world is promoting the goodness of your situation... revealing who your father is in heaven and what he does for you. This is how we confess Christ to the world.*

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. *Good families are close and show their personal care one with each other, particularly for their parents.*

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. *Do you appreciate the fact that God sees you the same way that he sees Christ?*

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. *The most comfortable times that many can remember is the nurturing and ongoing love of their mother and father. We can only accept our parents love because of who we are, not because of what we have done.*

19 We love him, because he first loved us. *We respond out of the kindness that is given to us.*

20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? *One of the most distressing things for any parent is when their children fight with each other.*

21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

God wants us to understand what his love is and how strong it is for us... and to live accordingly.