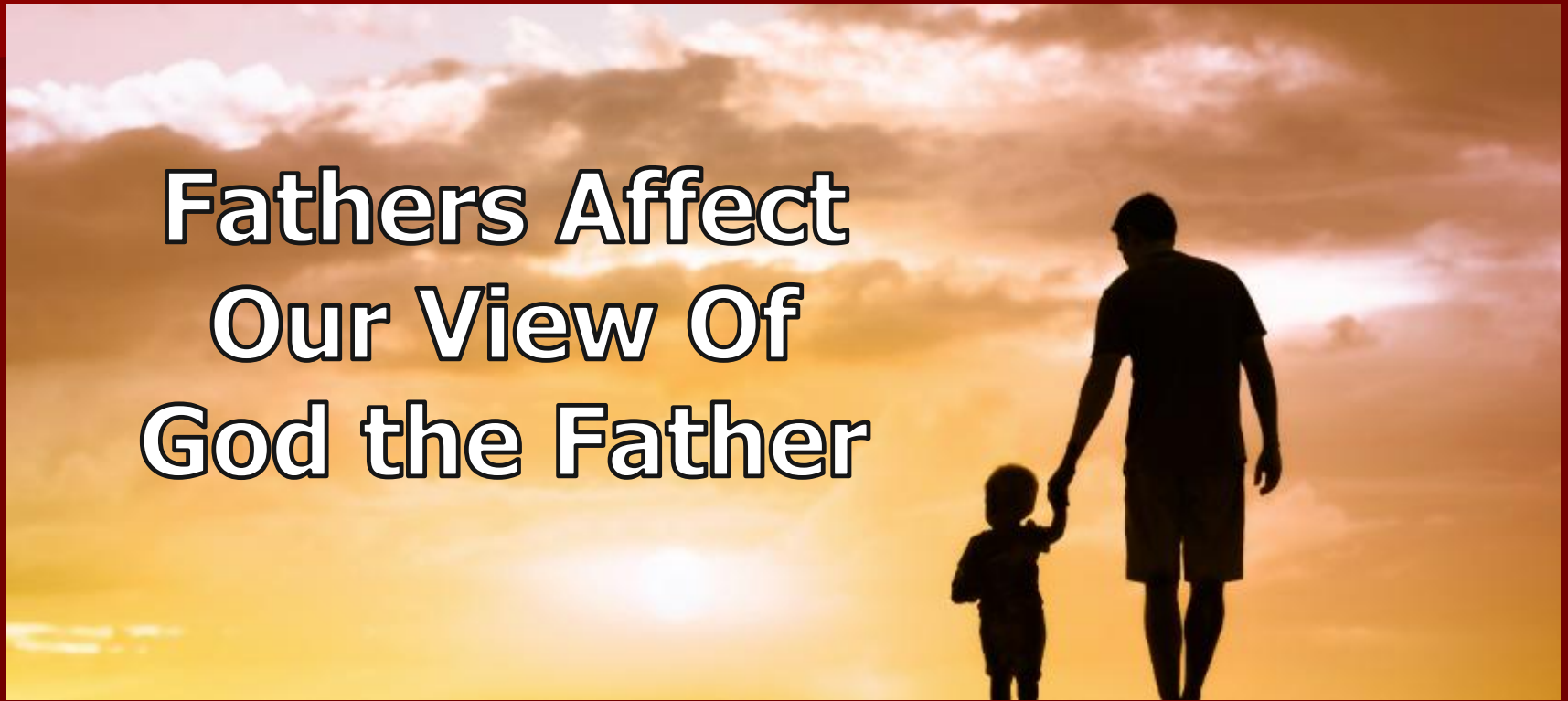


Message

**Fathers Affect
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■ Our Biological Dad Should Prepare Us For A Relationship With Our Heavenly Father.

- ❖ Ephesians 6:4
- ❖ Deuteronomy 6:7-9
- ❖ Proverbs 22:15



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■ Authoritarian Fathers

- ❖ Concerned with complete control or obedience
- ❖ Not interested in your opinions, ideas or desires
- ❖ Intent on their own way
- ❖ Characterized as being strict

Authoritarian fathers can inadvertently influence their children to rebel against God

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■ Abusive Fathers

- ❖ Inflict emotional, physical or sexual pain
- ❖ Destroy a child's sense of worth and trust
- ❖ Skew the daughter's view of intimacy.

Abusive fathers can inadvertently influence their children to have difficulties trusting, being vulnerable and emotionally relating to God.

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■ Distant or Passive Fathers

- ❖ Show little to no affection
- ❖ Rarely demonstrate emotion
- ❖ Interact little with their children
- ❖ Display no interest in the child or their activities

Distant or Passive fathers can inadvertently influence their children to view God as uninvolved and disinterested in their lives.

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■ Absent Fathers

❖ Unavailable due to

❖ Work

❖ Divorce

❖ Death

❖ Remarriage

❖ Abandonment

Absent fathers can inadvertently influence their children to believe that God is inaccessible or nonexistent .

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■ How Should Human Fathers Relate & Demonstrate A Proper View?

- ❖ **I Timothy 3:2**
- ❖ **Ephesians 5:25-30**
- ❖ **I Peter 3:7**



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■ Nature of The Father's Love

It is a love that surpasses human understanding; it offers a place in The Family.

- ❖ I John 3:1-3
- ❖ I John 4:9-12
- ❖ Jeremiah 31:1-3
- ❖ Psalm 103:13-14



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■ The Father's Love in Discipline

The love of the Father also encompasses His discipline, which is an expression of His care and desire for His children's growth in holiness.

- ❖ Hebrews 12:4-11
- ❖ Proverbs 3:11-12
- ❖ Deuteronomy 8:5
- ❖ Psalm 94:12



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■ The Father's Love and Assurance

The love of the Father provides us with assurance and security in our relationship with Him.

- ❖ Romans 8:38-39
- ❖ John 3:16
- ❖ Matthew 3:16-17
- ❖ Matthew 17:5
- ❖ John 17:20-26



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- Influence Provides Opportunities to be a “Dad”.

❖ Romans 8:14-17

