

Daily Devotion For June 21, 2020

“Be **perfect**, as your father in heaven is **perfect**.” Matthew 5:48

Happy Father’s Day, to all of you father’s!

Take a moment to think about your earthly father. What kind of father was/is he? Was your experience with your father mainly positive or negative? I’m very fortunate, although my father died when I was 16, I have very positive memories of my father. He was always available to play catch, he was at all my baseball, basketball and football games, and he taught me how to play golf. There were many more positive memories and experiences that I had with my father.

Sadly for others, the word father conjures up emotions of anger, fear, rejection, etc. And so, as Christians, it is important for us to take our image of God from our heavenly Father and not our earthly father. No earthly father is perfect, Romans 3:23 says that we all sin and fall short of the glory of God. Yet Jesus said in Matthew 5:48 that our heavenly Father is **perfect**. Even when we fail and fall short of God’s desire for us, He loves us with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 33:3) and forgives us (Romans 5:8)

Thought For Today: Take time today to think about your earthly father. What special memories do you have of him? If you are a father, what ways can you be a more “perfect” father to your children.

Today’s Prayer Focus: Thank God for being a perfect heavenly Father. Pray for the father’s in our church to be “more perfect” as our Father in heaven is perfect.” Continue to pray the prayer fuel as part of your daily devotional time.