

# A Father's Character



Psalms 103:6-13

# Character and Integrity

- **Character** one of the attributes or features that make up and distinguish an individual (Merriam Webster Dictionary)
- **Integrity** firm adherence to a code of especially moral or artistic (Merriam Webster Dictionary)

# The Lord's Character and Integrity

- **Psalm 86:15** - But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
- **Hebrews 13:8** - Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
- **1 Corinthians 10:13** - No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

# Lord's Righteousness and Justice For the Oppressed

- **Psalm 103:6** - The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

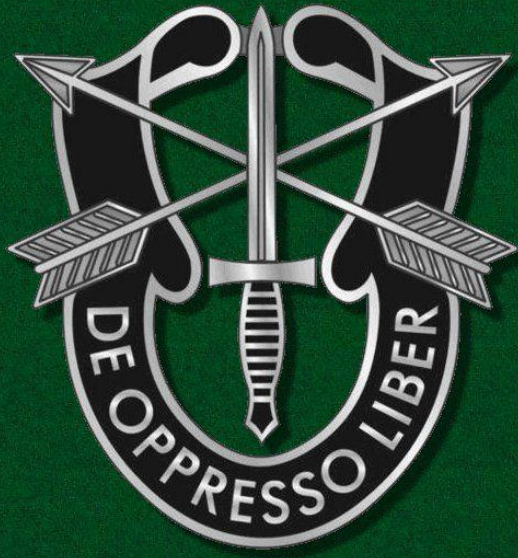
# Lord's Warning to Oppressors

- **Isaiah 10:1-3:**

Woe to those who decree iniquitous decrees,  
and the writers who keep writing oppression,  
<sup>2</sup> to turn aside the needy from justice  
and to rob the poor of my people of their right,  
that widows may be their spoil,  
and that they may make the fatherless their prey!  
<sup>3</sup> What will you do on the day of punishment,  
in the ruin that will come from afar?  
To whom will you flee for help

US Army Green Beret Motto – “De Oppresso Liber” — “To Free the Oppressed.”

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# No Fear

- **2 Timothy 1:7** - <sup>7</sup> for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

# Moses the Role Model

- **Psalm 103:7** - He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

# Christian Father – The Role Model and Example

- What kind of example will you be as a Christian Father and man?
- **Ephesians 6:4** - <sup>4</sup> Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

# The Lord of Mercy, Grace, Steadfast Love, and Slow to Anger

- **Psalm 103:8** - The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

# Honor Your Marriage Covenant

- **Deuteronomy 4:31** - <sup>31</sup> For the Lord your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.
- Be the Father that honors the commitment to your wife and children. Love them as God loves you.

# The Lord's Anger is Not Forever

- **Psalm 103:9** - He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; (NIV)

When  
someone does  
something  
wrong, don't  
forget all  
the things they  
did right.

# Anger is Never Forever

- **Isaiah 57:16** - I will not accuse them forever, nor will I always be angry, for then they would faint away because of me—the very people I have created. (NIV).

# A Father is Merciful

- **Psalm 103:10** - He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

# As a Father I can Forgive as Jesus Forgave Me

- As a father I understand that Jesus died for me and now Jesus lives within me which allows me to forgive.
- **Galatians 2:20** - <sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

# Steadfast Love to Those Who Fear Him

- **Psalm 103:11-12** - For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

# Fear and Trust the Lord

- **Proverbs 1:7** - The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.
- **Isaiah 41:10** - Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
- **Psalms 23:4** - Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

# Husbands Love Your Wives

- When the children see their father loving their mother there is no stronger testimony to the Father's place as provider, protector, and love for his family.
- **Ephesians 5:25** - <sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...
- **Ephesians 5:28-29** - In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church.

# The Compassion of the Father

- **Psalm 103:13** - As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

# Love Without End Amen

Last night I dreamed I'd died and stood outside those pearly gates  
When suddenly I realized there must be some mistake  
If they know half the things I've done, they'll never let me in  
Then somewhere from the other side, I heard these words again

Let me tell you a secret about a father's love  
A secret that my daddy said was just between us  
He said daddies don't just love their children every now and then  
It's a love without end, amen  
It's a love without end, amen