

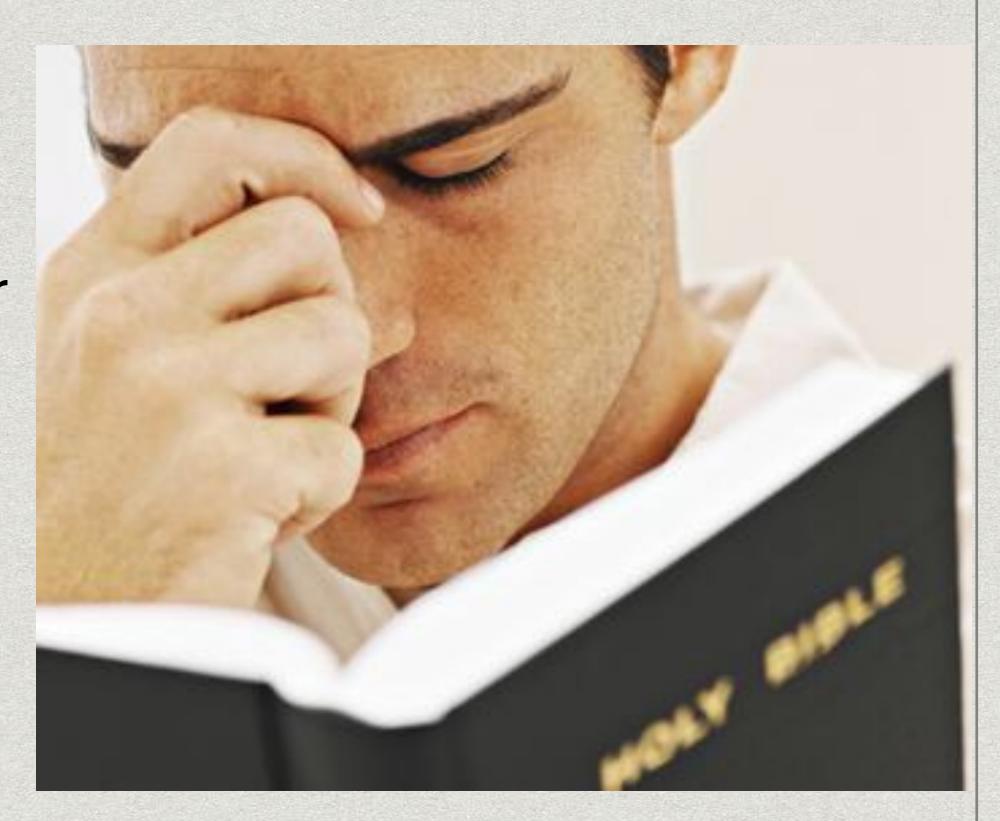
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- * Wrath is a spirit that comes when a father fails his children. This spirit causes children to have a vengeful disposition and can cause hatred toward males. Col. 3:21 Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.
- In women, wrath can cause them to pursue goals that will put them in position to challenge men and usurp authority over them, so they can dominate and fight against them. 1Tim. 2:12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.
- In men, this same hatred can cause distrust and fear of male leadership. Vengefulness causes men to become abusive to women. Promiscuity, divorce, and emotional, physical, mental, and spiritual abuse are also byproducts of male hatred in men. Heb. 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.



- * Carrying anger and resentment towards fathers can cause one to ignore biblical precepts. *Matt.* 19:19

 Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
- * When we choose to harbor anger and hatred, we are allowing the actions of others to control us and alter our God given purpose. John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
- * Harboring anger and resentment also hijacks our future and makes us treat others the way we were treated. This behavior changes how others view us and how we feel about ourselves when they avoid us. *Prov. 22:10 Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.*



- * God's way of dealing with wrath and anger is forgiveness and empathy. When we realize that some of our decisions are just as bad as our father's, we become more empathetic of our father's reasoning behind his actions. Mark 11:25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.
- * When we are offended, many times we are blinded by the actions of someone else without considering the grace and mercy we need. In these cases, we find ourselves hating ourselves and our actions because we are doing what was done to us. *Gal. 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.*
- * Letting go of the past is the only way to prevent the past from recurring in us. When we cling to wrongdoings that were committed against us, they take residence in us and cause us to repeat the same behavior that made us wrathful. We must choose God's way to stop this cycle of hurt! Phil. 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,





Our world is being led by men and women that are harboring anger and resentment towards their fathers. This is why there is so much hatred, sickness, and idolatry. The sins of fathers have caused the children to hate authority, truth, and morality. When we demand justice, we turn from grace and mercy. We feel we are entitled to reparations because of the sins of our fathers and mothers. However, when we have this perspective, we are not in position to follow God's Word. We are to honor our fathers and mothers. We are to cover their sins and love them in spite of their errors.

We cannot expect Christ to redeem us while we refuse to forgive our fathers for their sins. We cannot call for judgment against our fathers while praying for grace and mercy for ourselves. In order to be forgiven, we must first forgive. In order for Christ to reconcile us to God, we must first be reconciled to our fathers. Accepting them as they are, turning the other cheek, and esteeming them higher than ourselves is God's way. The manner in which we handle the sins of our fathers will truly reveal whether Christ is living within us.

Eph. 4:31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

Eph. 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.