

The Consequences of a Lack of Relationship with the Heavenly Father

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!” 1 John 3:1

1. Lack of Authority

“The Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing.” John 5:19

“I have given you authority... to overcome all the power of the enemy...” Luke 10:19

“...we are God’s children...then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ.” Romas 8:15-17

2. Lack of Security

“Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.” Psalm 91:1-2

“Your heavenly Father knows that you need them.” Matthew 6:31-32

“...anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God.” Romans 8:38-39

3. Lack of Respect

“A son honors his father...If I am a father, where is the honor due me?” Malachi 1:6

“Honor your father and mother.” Ephesians 6:2-3

“Show proper respect to everyone.” 1 Peter 2:17

4. The Father is the Keeper of Order and Law

“For God is not a God of disorder but of peace.” 1 Corinthians 14:33

“Where there is no vision, people perish.” Proverbs 29:18

“These commandments that I give you... Impress them on your children.” Deuteronomy 6:6-7

5. Necessary Discipline and Training

“The Lord disciplines the one he loves.” Hebrews 12:6

“Discipline...produces a harvest of righteousness and peace.” Hebrews 12:11

“The Lord disciplines those he loves.” Proverbs 3:11-12

6. Fatherly Role Model

“Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children.” Ephesians 5:1

“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Matthew 5:48

“Be holy, because I am holy.” 1 Peter 1:15-16

7. Inability to Relate properly to Authority Figures

“Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities...” Romans 13:1

“Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority...” Hebrews 13:17

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord.” Ephesians 6:1

“No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6

“I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” 2 Corinthians 6:18

May our prayer be like disciples:

“Show us the Father.” John 14:8

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The Secrets of Deep Relationships

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