

Be Perfect as Your Heavenly Father Is Perfect

- A. Be Perfect as Your Heavenly Father Is Perfect.** Matt 5:48
1. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, and prove the perfect will of God.
- B. Imitate God like Some Biblical Fathers of Faith.** Eph 5:1 (AMPC)
1. Therefore be imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father].
 2. Pattern yourselves after me [follow my example], as I imitate and follow Christ (the Messiah). 1 Cor 11:1 (AMPC)
- C. You Can Be an Imitator of Our Heavenly Father and Be a Good Example to Others.** Eph 5:2-33 (AMPC & NKJV)
1. Fathers, do not irritate your children to anger [do not exasperate them to resentment], but rear them [tenderly] in training, discipline, counsel and admonition of the Lord. Eph 6:4 (AMPC)
 2. My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as the son he delights in. Prov 3:11-12 (AMPC)
 3. Avoid God's wrath by not having sexual vices, impurity, lust, greediness, filthiness, sinful talk, course jesting, covetousness, idolatry, do not be deceived, rebellious or disobedient, do not be drunk. and do not associate with those who do. Eph 5:3-7,18
 4. Instead have thankfulness to God and walk in love for the fruit of the Light or the Spirit in kindly goodness and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Eph 5:2,4 (AMPC)
Eph 5:8-10 (AMPC)
 5. Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. Instead expose, reprove and convict them of those things in secret, live worthily, wise, and understanding what the will of the Lord is. Eph 5:11-17
 6. But ever be filled and stimulated with the Holy Spirit. Eph 5:18
 7. Speak out to one another in psalms, hymns, spiritual songs, offering praise with voices [and instruments] and making melody with all your heart to the Lord. At all times, and for everything, giving thanks in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father. Eph 5:19-20