

Psalm 34:8 NIV

Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

God, Who is Good

There is so much noise today that cries out, “God is not good!”
Do I really believe You are good and that You do good to me,
that You have my best in mind?
Or do I set out to find life on my own?

Help me to “taste and see” Your goodness today.

God, Who is Good

Do I see that every good and perfect gift is from Your hand,
a showering of Your love on me to bring me joy and peace?

Will You open my eyes to see Your radical and persistent gift-giving,
that I will not miss it because I am looking for something different?

Help me to “taste and see” Your goodness today.

God, Who is Good

Do I see Your Son, Jesus, as Your greatest gift to me,
the one from whom all other gifts flow,
to bring me from death to life as Your ultimate act of goodness?
There is such goodness in this gift, O God!

Help me to “taste and see” Your goodness today.

God, Who is Good

I DECLARE today that You ARE GOOD!

I DECLARE that You are good to me!

I DECLARE that You have nothing but the best in mind for me!

You are my God, and You ARE GOOD!!

Help me to “taste and see” Your goodness today.

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Relationships in Christ

Ephesians 6:1-9







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The unique structure of Ephesians

- 1-3 New life in Christ received
- 4-6 New life in Christ enacted





Children

Ephesians 6:1-3 ^{NIV}

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³ “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”





Children **Fathers**

Ephesians 6:4 NIV

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.



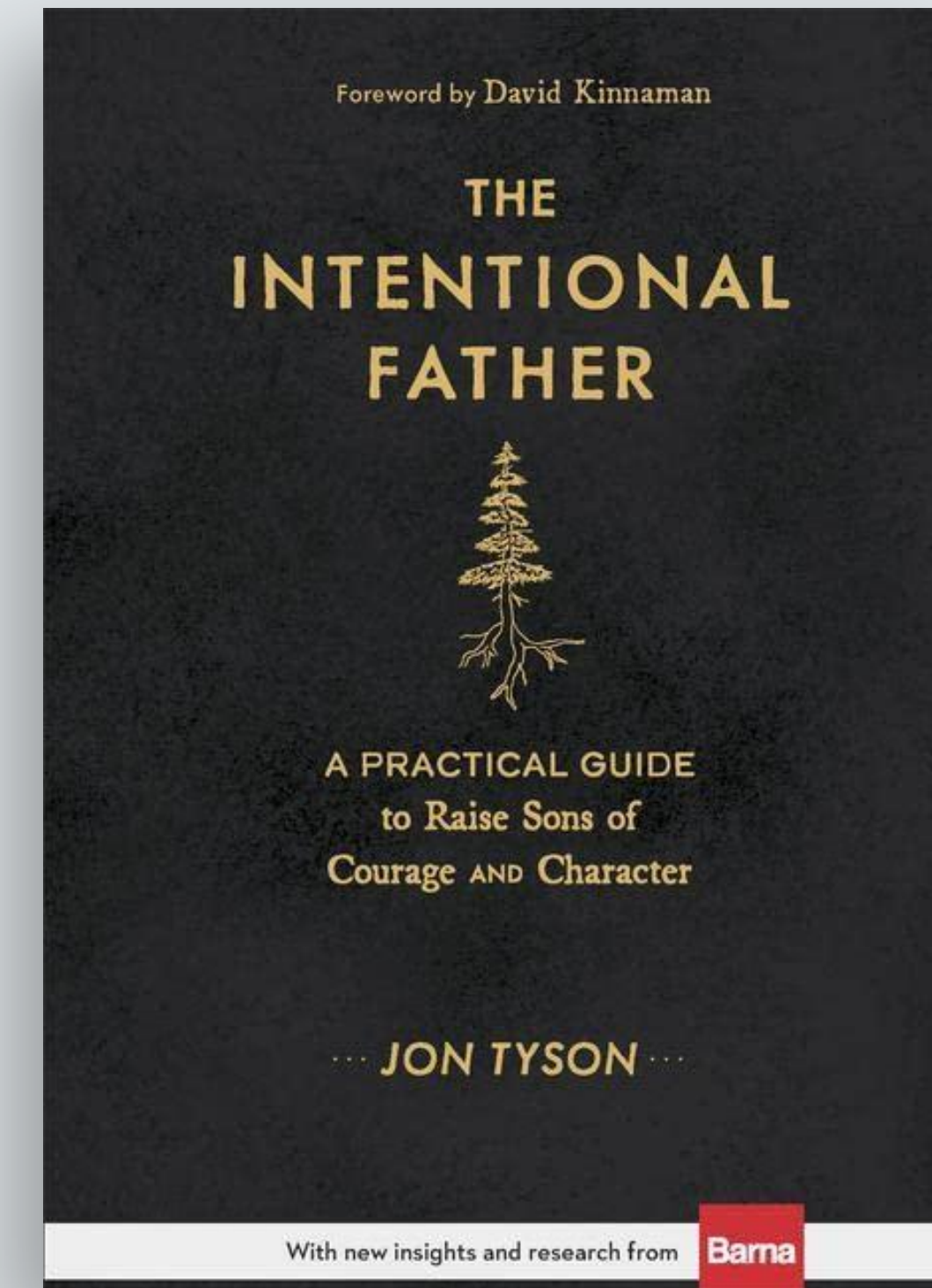


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“By Roman design, the father had absolute control over his wife, children, property, and slaves. He determined the fate of all within his household. At the birth of his child, he could choose to keep the baby or expose it in the wilderness if it seemed unfit or was not the gender he preferred...He was seen as the teacher, lawgiver, and priest of the family. He took each role seriously.”

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Children
Fathers
Slaves

Ephesians 6:5-8 NIV

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. ⁶ Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. ⁷ Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, ⁸ because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.





Children
Fathers
Slaves
Masters

Ephesians 6:9 NIV

And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.





**A new life in Christ leads us
towards wholehearted obedience
and care for others.**



How might God be leading you to obey and honor those in authority in your life?

How might God be leading you to show dignity to those who are entrusted to your care?

