

# Rockwood Church of Christ The Proclaimer

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## OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN'S WORDS ABOUT FATHERS ON EARTH

"For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him." **Genesis 18:19** 

"The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth" **Isaiah 38:19.** 

"For whom the LORD loveth He correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth" **Proverbs** 3:12.

"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God will all thine heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" **Deuteronomy 6:5-7.** 

"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it" **Proverbs** 22:6.

"And ye fathers provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" **Ephesians 6:4.** 

And I close with a father's promise:

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15). Jeff Abrams

### **GOD DOESN'T CARE**

But wait! The Scripture says, "Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you" (I Peter 5:7).

That's true! But it is also true that God doesn't care about some things – some of the very things about which we care. Recently, Brett Petrillo wrote about some things concerning which God doesn't care. Here is part of his list:

God doesn't care how many Facebook friends we have. His concern is that we are Jesus' friends, "If ye love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15).

God doesn't care how many Twitter followers we have. He only cares that we deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow Him (Luke 9:23).

God doesn't care about the minutes on our cell phone plan. He cares about the minutes we spend talking with Him (I Thessalonians 5:17; Ephesians 6:18).

God doesn't care about the important celebrities and athletes we know. His primary concern is that we know Him and the truth (I Timothy 2:3-4).

God doesn't care if we have the fanciest watch. He wants us to watch the use of our time (Ephesians 5:16).

God doesn't care if we wear the latest fashion or best clothes. He wants us to be clothed with Christ. (Galatians 3:26-27).

God doesn't care about the size of our homes or how much money we have. He wants us to realize that material things don't last, so we need to lay up treasures in heaven (Matthew 6:19-21; I Timothy 6:17-19).

God doesn't care what work we do. He wants us to do all things in His service and to His glory (Colossians 3:23-24).

God doesn't care about the color of our skin. He cares about the content of our character (Galatians 5:22-23).

God doesn't care about a lot of things that we care about! But God does care about us! He cares about us so much that He gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins, that we might have forgiveness of our sins.

**Neal Pollard**