

HOW TO FIND YOUR FATHER

INTRODUCTION

Here are steps to find the spiritual father God wants for you.

I. STEP ONE – PRAY FOR GOD’S GUIDANCE.

A. Allow God to link you more than trying to link yourself!

1. Don’t let your desire for a spiritual father interfere with God’s leading you to one.
2. Head logic and manipulation are enemies to be held in check in this important spiritual development.

B. Allow time to work for you!

1. Impatience could cause you to link with the wrong person... at the wrong time... in the wrong place.
 - Being in the ministry and influence of the wrong person will cause you to pursue the wrong opportunities... develop wrong values...
 - Allow God to find the right person to speak into your life.
2. You will know when the Lord brings you together.

II. SILENCE THE VOICE OF “QUALIFICATION.”

A. God does not call the qualified — He qualifies the called!

1. Don't allow the enemy to steal your future based on what you believe you are capable of.
2. God will never call you to do what YOU can do!
 - He will call you to do what HE can do through you!
 - Zechariah 4:6

“Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts.”

B. The goal of spiritual sonship is not performance; it is spiritual development and maturity.

1. You don't copy a spiritual father's techniques; you incarnate his principles, values, and soul.
2. Philippians 2:20-22
 - For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel. (NKJV)

III. WHEN YOU HAVE FOUND HIM, HOW DO YOU MAINTAIN THE FATHER-SON RELATIONSHIP?

A. First — keep pursuing.

1. Pursuing is permanent — not momentary.
 - Your level of pursuit will determine your level of credibility and...
 - Your level of credibility will determine your level of promotion.
2. Your relationship with a spiritual father will require you to go to where he is — not wait for him to come to where you are.
 - Fathers don't chase sons!
 - Sons chase fathers to get the mantle they carry.
 - You don't chase "just when it's convenient."

B. Second — keep learning.

1. The quality of the father's teaching is determined by the son's questions!
 - Don't be afraid to ask about or question what you don't understand.
 - Don't impress him with your answers but with your questions!

2. During my Ph.D. oral exam...
 - I tried to impress them with answers...
 - My advisor said to me, “STOP!” He took me to the restroom and advised me.
 - “Don’t you know the three magic words?”
 - “I don’t know! Please help me!”
3. Jesus — during his Bar mitzvah —
 - He was asking the rabbis questions!
4. The best, smartest sons are more concerned with sustaining success than they are with achieving success!
 - Success is harder to keep than it is to reap!

C. Third — keep serving.

1. Remember — the Father God joins you to never stop serving your father.
2. Ministering to him keeps you positioned in the flow of God’s favor!
3. Before you can be a great successor, you must become a great server!

D. Finally — keep sowing.

1. The more consistently you sow into the soil of your father, the more richly you will reap the mantle of your father.
2. When God gives you a spiritual father, He did not give you just a teacher/mentor.
 - He gave you someone with a mantle ministry you could sow seed into and reap your own harvest/increase.
3. Your “spiritual father’s soil” is the most fertile soil you will ever sow into.
 - The more successful you become, the more you need a spiritual father in order to handle that success.

CONCLUSION: HOW TO FIND YOUR SPIRITUAL FATHER

1. Pray for God’s guidance.
2. Silence the voice of “qualification!”
3. Once you have found him, maintain/maximize the relationship.