

The Cry for Spiritual Fathers and Mothers

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Part 1: Understanding the Message

1. What did Jesus model when He disciplined the 12 and the 72?
2. What does the phrase “spiritual fathers and mothers” mean?
3. Why does the speaker say we live in a “fatherless and motherless generation”?
4. What scripture from the Old Testament talks about turning the hearts of fathers and children?

Part 2: Key Biblical Teaching

6. Why does Paul say there are many “guardians” but few “fathers”?
7. How did Paul act as a spiritual father?
8. What are the three stages of spiritual growth mentioned?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
9. What is the difference between a spiritual child and a spiritual parent?

Part 3: Thinking About Growth

10. What is one problem with Christians who stay as “spiritual children”?
11. What is one way spiritual “young men/women” are described?
12. What makes someone a spiritual father or mother?

Part 4: Real-Life Application

13. Why does the speaker say *everyone* is called to be a spiritual father or mother?
14. Does age matter in spiritual parenting? Explain.
15. What example did the speaker give about a young girl being a spiritual mother?
16. What simple steps can you take to disciple someone (list at least 2)?

Part 5: Reflection Questions

20. Who has been a spiritual “parent” in your life?
21. How did they help you grow?

22. Is there someone you could begin helping spiritually right now?

23. What fears or excuses might hold you back?

Part 6: Personal Challenge

24. Write the name of one person you could begin mentoring or encouraging:

25. What is one step you will take this week?

Part 7: Prayer

Write a short prayer asking God to help you become a spiritual father or mother:

Key Takeaway

"We can change the world one person at a time by helping others grow in Jesus."

Now that you are fully empowered to begin spiritual parenting, below are some practical next steps:

- **Steps to Join DOVE:** <https://doveinternational.com/resources/articles/steps/>
- **Small Group Leader Training Videos:**
<https://doveusa.org/resources/videos/#:~:text=Small%20Group%20Leaders%20Training%20Series>
- **Free Church Planting Resources:** <https://doveusa.org/ministries/church-planting/>

