

The Father of Lights James 1:17–27

SERMON OUTLINE

Children become like their parents.

Three characteristics of God that His children take on...

I. We Take On Our Father's Light

- A. God's light reveals all things
- B. God's light shines unceasingly
- C. We walk as children of light

II. We Take On Our Father's Righteousness

- A. Jesus imputes our righteousness to us
- B. We are righteous because Jesus gave it to us
- C. The righteousness of Christ controls us:
 - 1. We become quick to listen
 - 2. We become slow to speak
 - 3. We become slow to get angry
- D. The message of the gospel is not "stop"; it is "live"

III. We Take On Our Father's Holiness

- A. We are set apart for a purpose
 - 1. God's holiness is active
 - 2. We are called to be actively holy
- B. God's holiness examines
- C. God's holiness brings liberty
- D. God's Spirit empowers us to live holy lives

APPLICATIONS

- Become a child of God by trusting in Christ and receiving adoption into His family.
- Live so others see your light.
- Live so your children see your light.
- Read the Word and obey it.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share your favorite "dad-ism." What is one of your dad's quotes that you heard all the time?
2. Pastor David told us that our children become like us. What are some ways your kids (if you have any) are like you?
3. Pastor David exhorted us repeatedly to live so others see your light. How we can reflect the light of God to others?
4. How can we practically reflect God's light to our children?
5. How can we grow in the exhortation of v. 19: be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger?
6. How can we practically help each other live a holy life?

OTHER QUESTIONS THAT MAY HELP

1. What does this text tell us about God?
2. What does this text tell us about man?
3. What should I put on or put off in my thinking?
4. What should I put on or put off in my doing?

HOMEWORK

1. Make a plan for your group's block party.
2. Read Colossians 3:1–17. Talk with someone in your group about what you need to "put off" or "put on" in order to obey James 1:17–27.