

# The Father of Jesus

A. Recalling past times with a grandfather and/or a father can bring back vivid and emotional memories. We can easily remember details of accounts and interactions with our loved ones. No doubt, Jesus could recall the same when it came to his father Joseph. Joseph was a victorious father – we can read about some of his life in **Matthew 1:17-2:23**.

1. Joseph was \_\_\_\_\_ [*dikaios*].

- a. **Psalm 1** “...for the Lord knows the way of the righteous...”
- b. **Psalm 112:1-6** “For the righteous will never be moved...”

2. Joseph was \_\_\_\_\_ [*eleos*].

- a. **Deuteronomy 22:13-30** “But if the thing is true...shall stone her to death...”
- b. **Matthew 9:10-13** “...I desire mercy, and not sacrifice...”
- c. **Luke 6:36** “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

3. Joseph was \_\_\_\_\_ [*pistos*].

- a. **Hebrews 12:1-2** “looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith...”
- b. **2 Corinthians 5:7** “for we walk by faith, not by sight.”

B. But, how do we put these qualities into practice? And maybe, more importantly, how do we instruct our children? The 3 examples of Moses, King David, and Paul provide some insight:

- 1. **Deuteronomy 6:1-9** “Now this is the commandment...that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you...that you may fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son’s son...”
- 2. **1 Kings 2:1-4** “Be strong, and show yourself a man, and keep the charge of the Lord your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes...”
- 3. **1 Timothy 4:11-13, 6:11-12; 2 Timothy 1:13, 2:15, 2:22, 3:14-15, 4:1-2**  
“Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me...”

C. What will be your legacy as a man? As a husband? As a father?

What kind of inheritance will you leave behind for your children?