

The Father's Heart

**Understanding God's Heart will change your perspective
on life**



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Gentleness

Grace

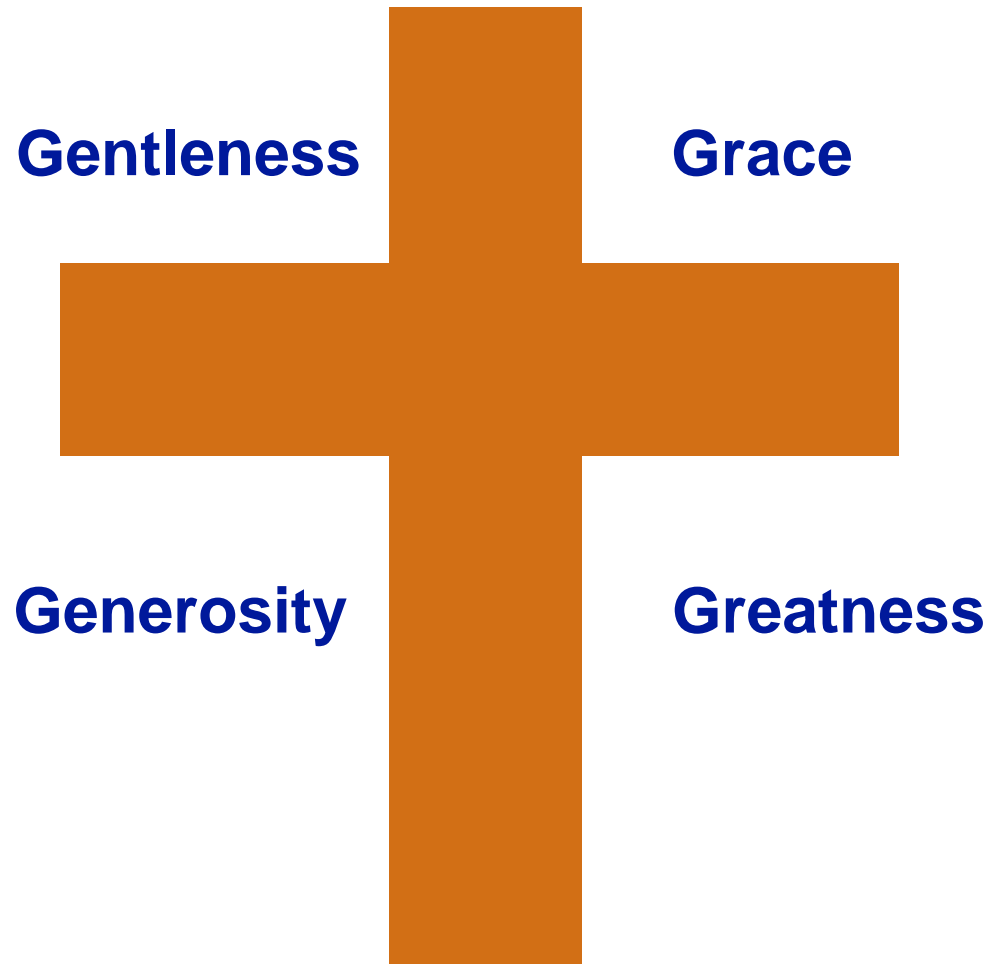
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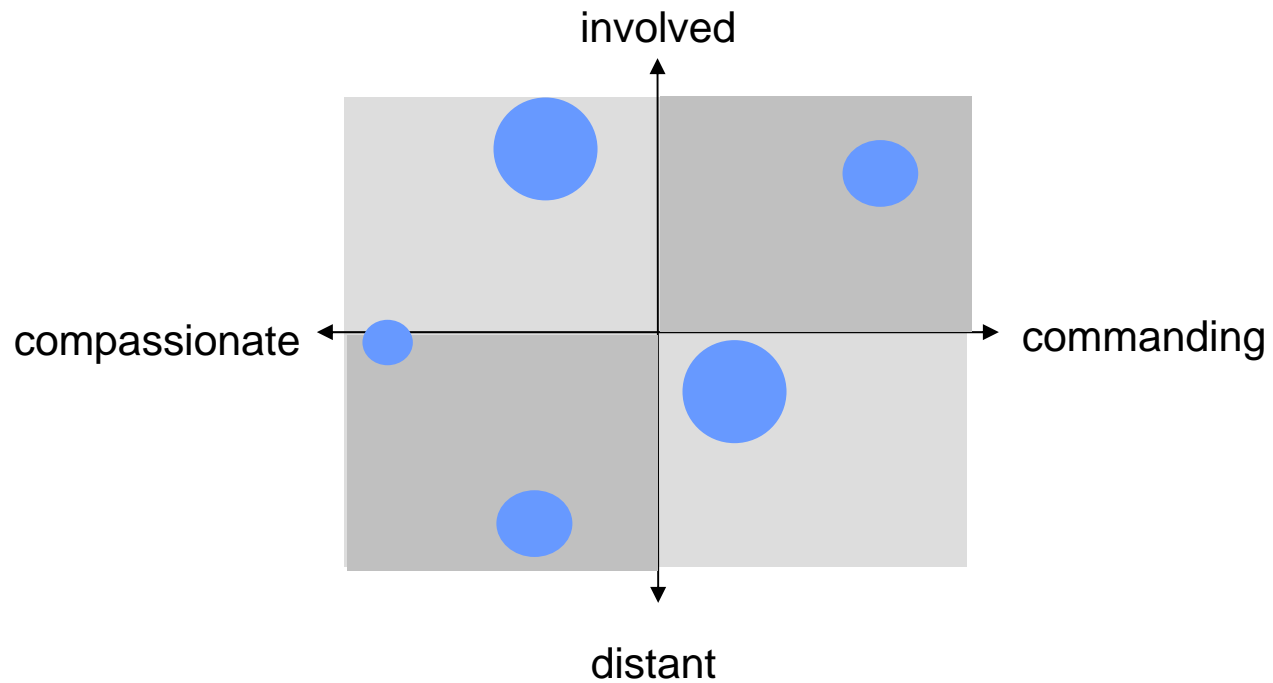
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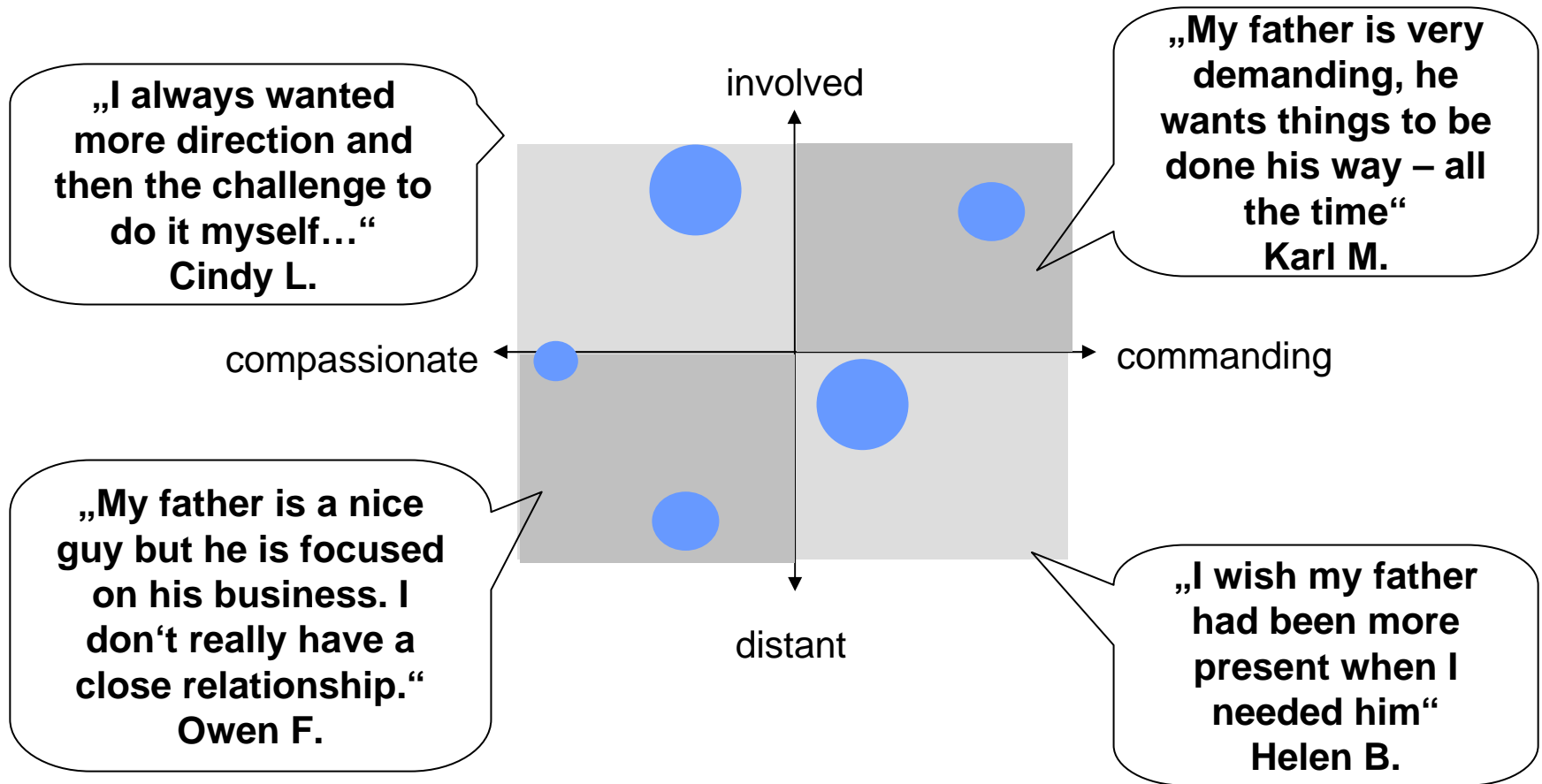
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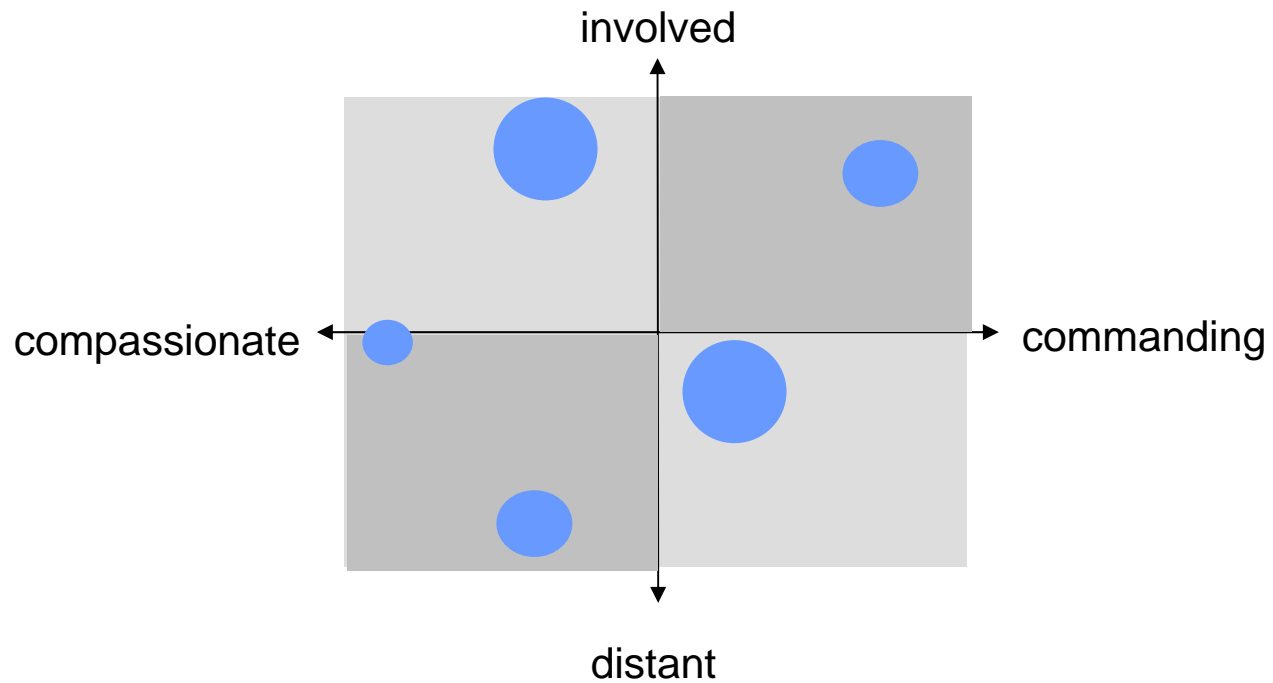
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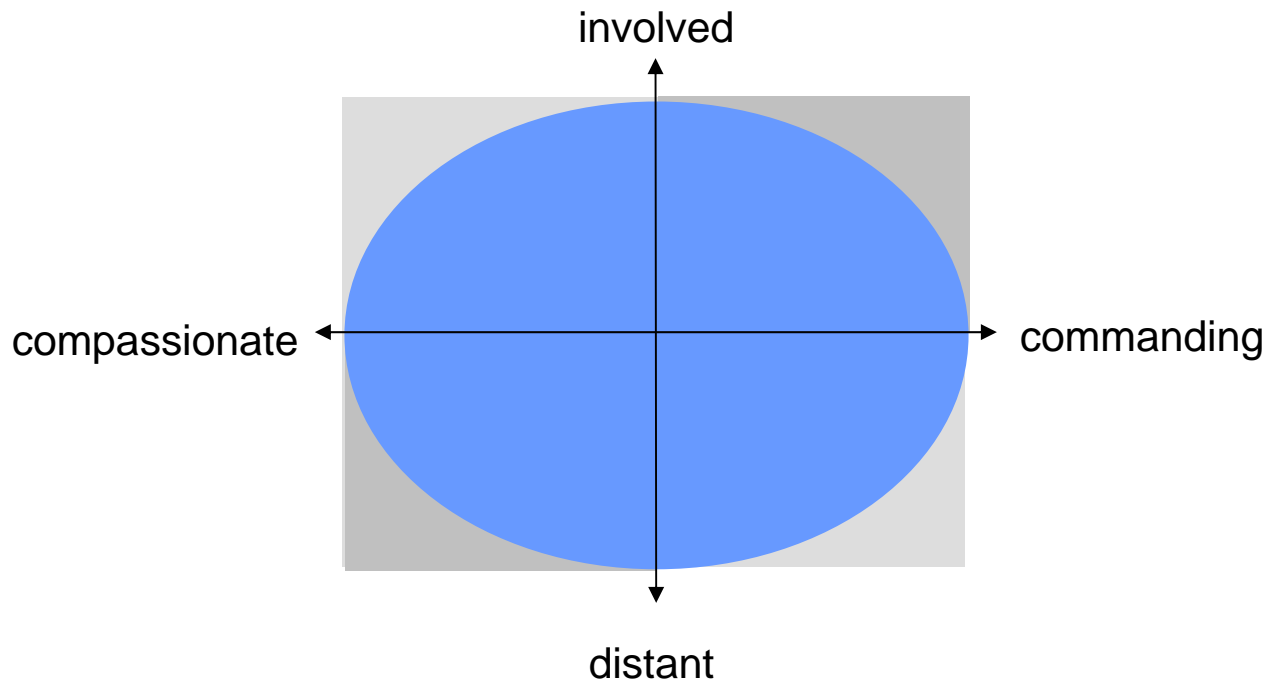
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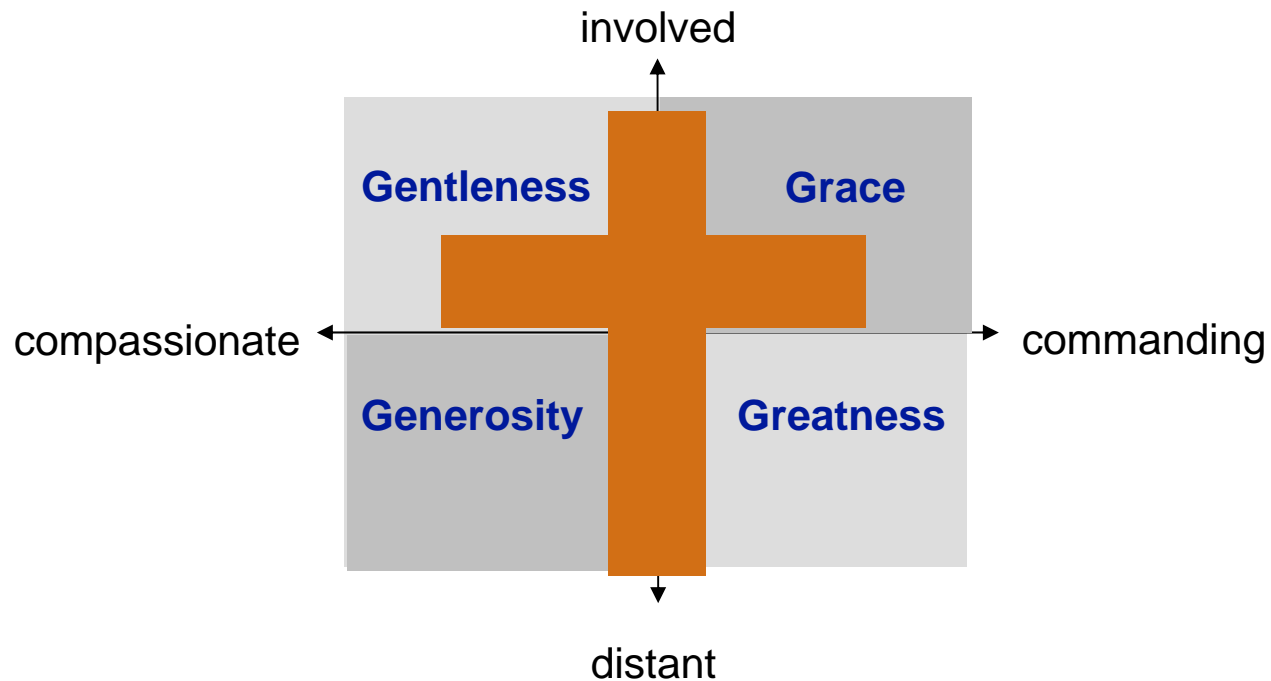


We need a father and a mother who is all of this



God wants to be your father

God is the perfect father, he has all we need...





Feel the father's pulse

God's...

Character ...and what he desires for his kids

Greatness

Be my son / daughter
God wants us to be his
beloved children, inherit all &
reign with him

Identity

„See how very much our heavenly Father **loves us**, for he allows us to be called his children, and we really are! But the people who belong to this world don't know God, so they don't understand that we are his children.

Yes, dear friends, **we are already God's children**, and we can't even imagine what we will be like when Christ returns. But we do know that when he comes we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. And all who believe this will keep themselves pure, just as Christ is pure.“

1. John 3:1-3



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„Well done, the king
exclaimed. You are
a trustworthy
servant. You have
been faithful with
the little I entrusted
to you, so you will
be **governor of ten
cities** as your
reward.“

Luke 19: 17



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Be happy
Don't get hurt; Rules exist to protect us & bring happiness

Integrity

„Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more kindness and forgiveness?

Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it?

You are free by God's grace.“

Romans 6:1,2,14



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Intimacy

„And because you Gentiles have become his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, and now you can call God your **dear Father**.

Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, everything he has belongs to you.“

Galatians 4: 6-7



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„You know how full of love and kindness our Lord Jesus Christ was.

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Though he was very rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could **make you rich.**“

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Intimacy

Generosity

Be rich
God wants us live a fulfilled, rich life, bring rich fruit and enjoy it for all eternity

Investing

2. Corinthians 8:9



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God's...

Character ...and what he desires for his kids

...and where we miss the point

Greatness

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Identity

Lost
The prodigal son left home to discontinue his position as a son

Grace

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Integrity

Failed
The son failed to obey, failed to serve, failed to follow

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Intimacy

Disconnected
The second son stayed home but completely disconnected from the father's heart

Generosity

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Investing

Selfishness/Entertainment
The prodigal son thought of his own, immediate desire; focused on spending not investing



So what...

Identity

Understand how your heavenly father really is

Intimacy

Review your thinking

Integrity

Decide on new Principles

Investing

Make specific steps



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Intimacy

Integrity

Investing

„A son honors his father, and a servant respects his master.

I am your father and master, but where are the honor and respect I deserve?“

Malachi 1:6



So what...

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Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
So we may sing for joy to the end of our lives.“

Psalm 90:14



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But God's truth stands firm like a foundation stone with this inscription: „The Lord knows those who are his“, and „Those who claim they belong to the Lord must turn away from all wickedness.“

If you keep yourself pure, you will be a utensil God can use for his purpose. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.

2. Timothy 2:19-21



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„And you won't spend the rest of your life chasing after evil desires, but you will be anxious to do the will of God.

You have had enough in the past of the evil things that godless people enjoy – their immorality and lust, their feasting and drunkenness and wild parties, and their terrible worship of idols.

1. Peter 4:2-3



Challenges

Review your thinking

1. Do you **accept** the Father's love and forgiveness?
2. Do you see God's kingdom as **your father's enterprise** that belongs to you? Do you engage as a child?
3. Do you understand that God wants **you** to play a critical role in his plans for all eternity?
4. Do you have the desire to **know more about God** as your father and about „your business“?
5. Do you understand how your role as a father/mother/uncle/friend might impact **a child's perspective** on God?
6. Do you still **worry**?
7. Do you believe that **God's concept of a fulfilled life** is the only one that works?



Challenges

Make specific steps

1. Make a commitment to your father-son / father-daughter relationship
2. Each day thank God for being your father – and for how he is (the 4 G's)
3. Design your weekly plan (and your event planning!) together with God
4. Allow time to feed your spiritual needs
5. Cultivate time with God each morning
6. Forgive where you have an open issue
7. Give where you have an opportunity; allow God to show his generosity

