

## Bible Word of the Week

ἁββᾱ́ – abba – father  
(ab-bah')

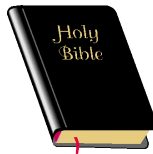
**Definition:** Father, customary title used for God in prayer. Became a sacred proper name.



**Sentence:** “Because you are His sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, ‘*Ἀββᾱ́*, Father.’”  
Galatians 4:6

## BIBLE FACTS:

1. There are 1,189 chapters in the Bible
2. 31,102 verses
3. 787,137 words
4. 3,116,480 letters in the Bible (King James Version)



“Then He said to them, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.’”  
Matthew 4:19

“The study of God’s word, for the purpose of discovering God’s will, is the secret discipline which has formed the greatest characters”  
~ James W. Alexander

# Discovering Truth

Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk and live in Your truth” – Psalm 86:11

## Being a Godly Dad



They are the ones that will always be there for you. They help you with school projects, they teach you how to play sports, and they will always be there to give you sound advice. Fathers are amazing. I know I may be biased, but I think I have an amazing dad. He is normally the first person I will call for advice, he’s supportive in everything I do,

and he loves me unconditionally. He’s a good dad.

Many people have good dads. But there was something about my dad that was different. He wasn’t just a good dad, but a Godly one.

**Godly dads put God first.** My dad always made sure we were following the commandments of the Lord. Paul told the fathers in Ephesus to “bring [their children] up in the training and instruction of the Lord” (6:4). I remember sitting around as a family working on our Sunday school lessons. My parents always made sure we had our memory verse memorized. My dad’s goal was to get his children to obey the Gospel.

**Godly dads make worship services a priority.** My dad was “mean” to me while growing up. He wouldn’t let me play any sport that took place on a Sunday. He also wouldn’t let me work on Sundays. If there was a birthday party or a get together at a friend’s house, it had to wait until after worship services. As I grew up, I realized the reason why he was so “mean.” My dad understood the importance of worshiping God. He made sure our whole family made God our number one priority. I’m thankful for that.

**Godly dads are Godly leaders.** “Wives should submit to their husbands in everything” (1 Tim. 3:4). This is not an excuse to rule with an iron fist, instead it is God’s plan for leadership in the house. The husband and father is put in charge to be a Godly leader. They will make tough decisions. They will make sure God’s will is always being done. They will reprimand the children, correct the errors, and encourage Godly behavior. It’s hard to be a strong leader. Your kids may not like you at times, but soon they will see that you have God’s intentions in your heart.

I’m thankful that I didn’t just have a good dad; I had a Godly one. What do your kids think of you? Are you being the dad God wants you to be?

~ Kevin

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Worship: 10:45 am  
Evening: 5:00 pm

### Wednesday

Bible Class: 7:00 pm

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# Real Men...

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:1-4

❖ A huge problem in the world today:

- Not enough \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_% of marriages end in divorce
  - Children without fathers are \_\_\_\_\_ more likely to end up in jail
  - \_\_\_\_\_% of suicides come from fatherless homes
  - \_\_\_\_\_% of all children with behavioral disorders come from fatherless homes
  - \_\_\_\_\_% of high school drop outs comes from fatherless homes
  - Boys who grow up without a father are more likely to be homosexual
  - Young men are 2X more likely to engage in criminal activity if raised without a father

❖ Real Men...

- Put God \_\_\_\_\_, Family \_\_\_\_\_, Self \_\_\_\_\_
  - God is the most important thing
    - Eph 6:4
  - Israelites were told to...
    - \_\_\_\_\_ their children
    - \_\_\_\_\_ their questions
    - Never \_\_\_\_\_ the commands of God
- Are \_\_\_\_\_ role models
  - Kids \_\_\_\_\_ role models
  - Col. 3:21
  - Fathers need to be an example in w \_\_\_\_\_ and c \_\_\_\_\_
- Tell their kids what they \_\_\_\_\_ to hear
  - God has given you a responsibility to be a \_\_\_\_\_, not a \_\_\_\_\_



**This Morning's Sermon:**

## Real Men...

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**This Evening's Sermon:**

## Influences

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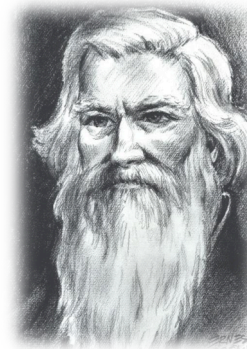
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## A Look Back In Time

*"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." - George Santayana*

*"Those that fail to learn from history, are doomed to repeat it" - Winston Churchill*

### James O'Kelley (1735-1826)



The years following America's war for independence were difficult as the new young nation struggled to establish itself and lay the foundation for its newfound freedom. This was equally true for the religious world as well. The various protestant denominations, now free from the yoke of the English church, moved rapidly to establish churches and formalize their systems of church government and worship. The need for qualified preachers brought men who answered the call. They studied the scriptures and began questioning the doctrines, creeds, the various formalized rituals they were required to adhere too, and the systems of church leadership, which did not follow scriptural tradition and authority.

By as early as 1779 a crisis began forming within the Methodist Episcopal churches spread throughout the newly established states. Opposition was growing against Francis Asbury who was the duly appointed Superintendent for all the churches in America. This opposition centered primarily on issues of church government and doctrine which were seen as differing greatly from scripture and John Wesley's 'back to the bible' principles. The clergy resented the rules, restrictions and limitations placed upon them and it wasn't long before many of them began speaking out publicly their opposition. One such man was James O'Kelley.

James O'Kelley was already a popular, influential and well respected preacher by the end of the war. While not a confrontational or contentious sort, he was nonetheless a strongly principled man who was ever firm in his convictions once he had examined the issue and determined for himself the proper course. So it was inevitable that he would eventually come to lead the opposition against Asbury. For O'Kelley, it came down to religious tyranny, an abuse of power and authority, which took both its teachers and its worshipers away from the original pattern shown in the scriptures.

Over the next several years this dispute festered and grew until it threatened to split the entire Methodist church. A final ultimate showdown was inevitable. This was to take place in November of 1792. O'Kelley and his supporters brought forth their grievances and ideas for reform which were discussed and argued over for days before the issues were brought to a vote. O'Kelley and his supporters failed and ultimately were forced to leave the Methodist church. In time they went on to reorganize and called themselves first Republican Methodists, then finally just simply Christians. History records James O'Kelley's brave and courageous efforts as the first attempt in America to bring worship back to its original pattern and order. ~Scott

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