

### **My Earthly Father & My Heavenly Father**

When I was a boy, I did things my earthly father knew nothing about; I did things my earthly father did not approve of. But I did not begin to grow up and mature until I realized and cared that I could do nothing that my heavenly Father did not know about and that those things that displeased my earthly father also displeased my heavenly Father. I did not begin to grow up and mature until I learned to ask, first, not what will my earthly father think of me, but what will my heavenly Father think of me. I did not want to bring reproach upon Him or cause Him to be ashamed of me.

### **But Did You Teach Him...?**

You taught him how to make a living; did you teach him how to make a life? You taught him how to take care of himself; did you teach him how to take care of others? You taught him the importance of a secular education and saw to it that he acquired one; did you teach him the importance of a Bible education and see to it that he acquired a knowledge of God's word? You taught him that he should not let others run over him or take advantage of him; did you teach him that it is better to suffer for doing right than it is to suffer for doing wrong or to be guilty of inflicting wrong? You provided food, clothing, shelter, exercise and medical care for his body; what did you provide for his soul? You really tried to get him ready in time, for this life; but did you really try to get him ready for eternity?

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