

How Fatherhood Changes My Perspective on God, as my Heavenly Father

- I. My deepest longings can best **and O** _____ be met through my Heavenly Father **A** _____.
- A. Personal **N** _____.
But I have calmed and quieted myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child I am content. – Psalm 131:2
- B. Relational **I** _____.
But godliness with contentment is great gain. – 1 Timothy 6:6
- C. Lasting **S** _____.
“My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water. – Jeremiah 2:13
- II. I can live **C** _____ because my Heavenly Father cares for me.
- A. God knows our needs **B** _____ we do.
Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. - Matthew 6:8
- B. He **P** _____ to care for our needs.
So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. – Matthew 6:31-32
- C. We are **F** _____ to pursue His Kingdom and Reward.
But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. - Matthew 6:33
- III. I am perfectly **L** _____ by my Heavenly Father and He will provide for my every need.
- A. He is **P** _____ with us as He is with Christ.
...and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” – Matthew 3:17
- But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. – 1 Peter 2:9*
- B. He is the **G** _____ of good gifts.
“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” – Luke 11:11-13
- C. We are like **I** _____ children.
However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived” -- the things God has prepared for those who love him—1 Corinthians 2:9

Answers:

- I. Only; Alone; a) nourishment, b) intimacy, c) satisfaction
II. Carefree; a) before, b) promises, c) free
III. Loved; a) pleased, b) giver, c) immature