

*Called To be*  
**Saints**

STUDIES IN FIRST CORINTHIANS

## 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12

**“As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,  
12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.”**

- *Servants*
- *Farmers*
- *Builders*
- *Galley slaves*
- *Stewards*
- *A spiritual father*

***The Ministry of a  
Spiritual Father***

**1 Corinthians 4:14-21**

## **3 John 4**

**“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.”**

It's as if Paul is saying ...

“I have no greater *disappointment* than to hear that my children are *not* walking in truth.”

*pedagogos*

# **The ministry of a spiritual father ...**

- 1. A spiritual father begets children in Christ.**

## **Matthew 9:37-38**

**“Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.”**

## Philemon 10

**“I beseech thee for my son  
Onesimus, whom I have begotten in  
my bonds:”**

## **1 Timothy 3:13**

**“For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.”**

# **The ministry of a spiritual father ...**

- 1. A spiritual father begets children in Christ.**
- 2. A Spiritual father loves.**
- 3. A spiritual father admonishes.**

## **The ministry of a spiritual father ...**

- 4. A spiritual father sets an example of following Jesus.**
- 5. A spiritual father teaches.**
- 6. A spiritual father disciplines.**