



Innovative Truth

Bringing Scripture to Life

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Dear Friend,

Last Sunday we celebrated Father's Day. There has been so much talk in the United States about the damage done by absentee fathers. We do not deny the impact on families without a father's presence, and we pray God will heal those situations. In this letter, we'd like to focus on the immense gift men, fathers and grandfathers provide to all the people in their world.

There has been a great deal of discussion in our small groups about the biblical roles for men and women. It's a topic many are afraid is too divisive to approach. Tom has always said on behalf of Innovative Truth, "as the hymn says, we will unashamedly stand firm on scripture and the promises of God." With that in mind, we took a deep dive into Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 6:4, Proverbs 4:11-12, 2 Samuel 7:14-15, Proverbs 23:22-24 and 2 Corinthians 6:18 just to name a few. Our prayer has been for all small group participants to feel encouraged by these scriptures.

On Mother's Day, men speak Proverbs 31 over the women in our church. Last year our pastor's wife prayed a blessing over our pastor that moved many of us to tears. She shared this in writing so we could pray over our husbands as well. I shared her prayer with our Innovative Truth women to speak over the men in their lives on Father's Day. We cannot wait to hear from the men on how it impacted them.

Thank you again to Mrs. Stephanie Newton for sharing this profound blessing she wrote for Pastor Ed. Your words are an anointed gift to all of us as we speak this message over the men in our lives.

We want **YOU**, our amazing Innovative Truth partners, to receive this blessing as love from us. We encourage women to speak it over men of all ages in their lives; to those godly men already fulfilling the blessing, AND as a

prophetic message, believing the words will be true in days to come, for all men who choose to submit to our Heavenly Father.

"STRONG, MAN OF GOD. YOU ARE PRESENT. YOU ARE SUFFICIENT. YOU ARE A PROVIDER. YOU ARE SATISFYING. YOU ARE A ROCK. AND YOU COMPLETE A FAMILY. YOU ARE KIND. YOU ARE RESPECTFUL. YOU ARE LOVING. YOU ARE GENTLE. YOU ARE HELPFUL. YOU ARE WANTED. AND YOU ARE NEEDED. YOU ARE FLEXIBLE. YOU ARE FUN-LOVING. YOU HAVE A SERVANT'S SPIRIT. YOU ARE PATIENT. YOU ARE GENEROUS. YOU HAVE STRONG ARMS AND YOU ARE A HARD WORKER. YOU ARE FAITHFUL. YOU ARE PROVING. YOU ARE LOYAL. YOU ARE PRAISEWORTHY. YOU ARE HANDSOME. YOU ARE WISE AND GRACIOUS. YOU ARE FREE! YOUR CHAINS HAVE BEEN BROKEN, YOUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT AND YOUR PAST IS GONE! YOU ARE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. YOU ARE POWERED BY THE PROMISES OF GOD. YOU ARE AN UNASHAMED FOLLOWER OF JESUS CHRIST. AND I AM YOUR BIGGEST FAN!

- Stephanie Newton

With all our love,