

## **FRUIT FOR OUR FATHERS**

### **Genesis 27: 1-4; 38**

Reproduction for plants and animals begins with a seed. The human carrier of the seed is a man. Reproduction in the human body requires the seed of a man to connect with the egg of a woman. All of us have a daddy but not all of us have a father. A daddy is involved in the reproduction of a child; a father is involved in the care, concern and compassion for his child. A father who models good fruit desires to see that fruit reproduced in his children.

I realize that many children struggle in relationship with their parents, especially their fathers. Too many boys and men struggle in their relationships with their fathers. This is nothing new if we read the Bible carefully. Abram left his father's homeland. Isaac had a traumatic experience as his father was ready to sacrifice him. Esau had issues with his father, mother and twin brother when he was robbed of his birthright and father's blessings.

You know the story. In those days the oldest son was entitled to the blessings of his father. Esau's mother and twin brother Jacob teamed together to deceive Father Isaac who is now blind into blessing the younger twin Jacob to receive the blessing to which Esau was entitled. The father's blessings then and now are important to children. This is reflected when a daughter is ready to marry. Traditionally she and her fiancé seek the blessing of her father.

Let me share with you the fruit that every father should possess and pass on these to bless their children and others.

1. The Fruit of Love.
  - A. Love reflected in patience
  - B. Love reflected in kindness
  
2. The Fruit of Joy.
  - A. Goodness ushers in joy
  - B. Faithfulness ushers in joy
  
3. The Fruit of Peace.
  - A. Peace manifested in gentleness
  - B. Peace manifested in self-control