

July 12

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that my God is my Father and I am accountable to Him? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one who cannot practice sin and give oneself over to it? Does my life bear the family resemblance by being like my Father who is loving and kind?

1 **God is our Father** — *Isaiah 64:8 But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.*

In what way should my life demonstrate that I consider God to be my Father?

What examples of God's creative influence in my life can I praise Him for?

2 **I am born of God and cannot practice sin** — *1 John 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.*

Why is it unnatural for me to sin since I am God's child?

Why does the devil want me to ignore that God is my Father?

3 **I am to be vigilant and pursue showing love to others** — *1 Peter 4:7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. 8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. 9 Use hospitality one to another without grudging.*

In what ways does my life bear the family resemblance in how I treat others?

How will a loving relationship with God impact how I relate to others?

Spirit of Wisdom, how do you want to apply these verses in my life today?

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Acts 17:16-34

Evening: Psalms 4, 5, 6