

## The Secret Ingredient to Contentment – Intimacy

*How do you view God?*

<b>The God Head Relationships</b>	<b>vs</b>	<b>Earthly</b>
<b>The Father</b>		<u><b>Earthly Father</b></u> Security Identity Provision
<b>The Son (Jesus)</b>		<u><b>Siblings</b></u> Companionship Communication Peer Acceptance
<b>The Holy Spirit</b>		<u><b>Mother</b></u> Nurturing Comforting Teaching

<b>Attitudes &amp; Behavior of Earthly Parents</b>	<b>Resulting Concept of the Heavenly Father</b>
Legalistic/Harsh/Disciplinarian	God is mad, impersonal & demanding
Perfectionist, High Goals, Little Praise or Affirmation	God is never satisfied, always disappointed and upset with me
Little or No Affection	God is distant & impersonal
Critical, Verbally Abusive	God is angry, puts up with people but doesn't really love them.
Smothering, Never say no, Spoiling	God exists for me; He must conform to my desires
Has/Had Favorite Children	God loves good people; has favorites; his love is based on performance
Made Promises and Broke them; Gave warnings but didn't follow through	God is unreliable and unfaithful.
Workaholic, Focus Away from Family	God is detached & uncaring; difficult to get His attention
Abusive, Dominating	God rules by fear; must be obeyed; cannot be trusted
Moody, Temperamental	God is unpredictable; one day He loves me, the next day he is angry
Sinful, Immoral, Low Standard of Discipline	God doesn't mean what he says; a pushover; no need to fear
Hypocritical; One way at home another way in public	God isn't powerful; religion is for social purposes & doesn't relate to life.

