

Today's Scripture: **1 Thess 2:7-12**

## **Effective Ministry Requires Spiritual Parenting**

God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. **Genesis 1:27**

“The point is not that God is male, female, or both. To say that our eyes image God, remember, is not to say that God has eyes; it is rather to say that our eyes picture something Devine” **John Frame** “Recovering Biblical Manhood & Womanhood” p. 229

Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. **Isaiah 49:15**

A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the LORD of hosts...**Malachi 1:6**

1. **Spiritual Mothering** (vs 7-9)

2. **Spiritual Fathering** (vs 10-12)

**POWER:** “We had boldness in our God” (vs 2)

**PRESENCE:** “Approved by God..God who tests our hearts...God is witness” (vs 4,5,10)

**PURPOSE:** “to please God...to walk in a manner worthy of God” (vs 4,12)