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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 195

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by **His affectionate love**. **Rom. 12:10**, "Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other."

The Greek word for *affection* is *phila delo phia* which means *love like a brother or one who is a part of the family*. One of the beautiful pictures of this season is to realize that God wants you to be a part of His family; literally. He loves us so much that He wants to adopt us into His family. To make this happen, He paid the sin debt for all so that anyone could come to Him. In other words, He did everything to legally adopt us into Him. He is rightfully Father because of Who He is, but He desires to be our Spiritual Father which is greater yet. We all understand that a father can be just the one who helped your mother in the process of your biological being. But God desires to truly be Your Father. One Who will love you, provide for you, protect you, and love you like no one else could.

Over 25% of the children in the U.S. live without a father who lives with them and even more have fathers who reside in the home, but are not really present for their children. No wonder so many children are hurting and grow up without understanding the kind of love that our Heavenly Father can give. My prayer is that fathers, mothers and children can experience the true affection of the Father; and that we can then take that love and share it with the ones around us.

Dear Father, thank You for loving us like a true Father. You pour out Your affection to us continuously. We are blessed to have such a Father. In Jesus Name, Amen