

A prayer for men

By Rick Warren in recognition of Father's Day

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 - ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
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- **Proverbs 10:12** Hatred stirs up strife, but **love** covers all sins.
- **Proverbs 17:9** Whoever would foster **love** covers over an offense.
- **I Peter 4:8** Above all, **love** each other deeply because **love** covers over a multitude of sins

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- **Luke 9:46-48 Living Bible (TLB)**
 - ⁴⁶ Now came an argument among them as to which of them would be greatest in the coming Kingdom!^[a]
 - ⁴⁷ But Jesus knew their thoughts, so he stood a little child beside him
 - ⁴⁸ and said to them, "Anyone who takes care of a little child like this is caring for me! And whoever cares for me is caring for God who sent me. **Your care for others is the measure of your greatness.**"

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- [Luke 6:47-49](#) ESV

- Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

- [1 Corinthians 3:11](#) ESV

- For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

- [Isaiah 28:16](#) ESV

- Therefore thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: ‘Whoever believes will not be in haste.’”