

Elysse shares...

I'm My Daddy's Girl

I still remember the accusation leveled at me at the end of one of my debates with a fellow teenager. I don't remember the topic we were discussing, but I felt it was of enough importance to carry on the discussion. As we came to the end, I felt as if I was proving my point fairly well. At that point, he looked at me and said, "Well, it doesn't matter what I say, because ... you just believe whatever your father says!" At first, I was offended and somewhat put off at his implication that I was merely a robot repeating beliefs without any thought. So I responded with haste and said, "I'm telling you what *I* believe!" That ended the discussion, but I continued to mull it over and over in my head.

What does it mean to be "my daddy's girl"? Is it good or bad to be a "daddy's girl"? As I learn to honor, obey and submit to my father, will everyone just look at me as a poor, indoctrinated child? As these thoughts swirled, I began to ponder the importance of my relationship to my father—in fact, the importance of every girl's relationship to their father. It is an awesome thing! God designed the family and every relationship in the family to work perfectly in His plan, to work as a team. When a father and daughter embrace their unique relationship, which comes with its own set of privileges and responsibilities, the end result—the fruit—will be beautiful and God-honoring.

I realized that if I truly wanted to have Jesus Christ as my LORD and Savior, to walk in His footsteps and submit to His perfect plan, I needed to embrace His Word in the area of family, especially the father-daughter relationship. It is such an important—and yet completely forgotten—component of the family.