CONCEPT OF FATHER, PERCEPTION OF ORPHANS AND NON-ORPHANS: AN EXPLORATION

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ABSTRACT
A father (or dad) is defined as a male parent of any type of offspring. The adjective "paternal" refers to father, parallel to "maternal" for mother. The verb "to father" means to procreate or to sire a child from which also derives the gerund "fathering". It is normal to need a father. Male and female both need a dad. Every human being wants to feel the presence of a loving father. It's natural to long for this close connection. We hunger for a father's support, understanding, and comfort. An unstructured interview was conducted on both orphans and non-orphans and the data was collected. And content analysis was used to analyze the data. The interview focuses on how the individual perceive the concept father or fatherhood. The result shows that adolescence who grew along with their father, during their developmental periods, view less of having a father than the orphans perceive. Today life is different. The meaning of fatherhood has broadened. A father’s role description is greater than we had assumed. Fathers are expected to meet not only financial needs, but emotional and spiritual needs as well.

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