

WHY JOSEPH?

Q What kind of man was God looking for when choosing someone to raise His son?

What was God looking for?

RIGHTEOUS MAN

Righteous man - Be right and do right

Matthew 1:19 – Because Joseph her husband was a **righteous man** and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. (NIV)

TCC - he was a man who honored God and honored people

SPIRITUAL MAN

Matthew 1:20 – But **after he had considered this**, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. (NIV)

TCC- This was God's surrogate on the earth.... The man he wanted. And God has chosen you for your children ... what qualities has He placed in you?

Matthew 1:24 – When Joseph woke up, **he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him** and took Mary home as his wife. (NIV)

Matthew 2:13-14-... an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." 14 **So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night** and left for Egypt... (NIV)

PERSPECTIVE

Luke 2:51-52 – Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them... 52 **And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.** (NIV)

Men you are on God's radar....

Dad's - He has chosen you to raise the children in your household...

GOD CHOOSES YOU!!

Happy Father's Day!