

## BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”  
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

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Christmas  
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Isaiah



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## The Character Of The Savior

**I. Call Him Wonderful Counselor**—Literally, "wonder of a counselor," and the word wonderful means "marvelous, extraordinary, beyond the normal capacity to perform." In other words, the counsel of this God-man transcends human wisdom. He doesn't need or want my counsel or any other's.

Romans 11:34 reminds us that His judgments and ways are unsearchably deep. "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor?" Paul asks. And the question still hangs in the air to this day because He is the supernatural counselor, in a class by Himself. In any situation, in every challenge, He knows exactly what needs to be done. His plan of action is infallibly, wonderfully right. If you're looking for guidance in life, let me introduce you to a wonder of a counselor!

**II. Call Him the Mighty God**—Literally, this title is "the heroic, strong God." This child is God's Son, the Second Person of the Trinity and possessor of all the power of God. In a word, He is omnipotent.

If you tie this title to the previous one, it means that this God-become-man possesses the ability to carry out to the full all that His brilliant plans call for. That's why He is able to say, My plan will take place, and I will do all my will. (Isa. 46:10) In fact, this King is so powerful that He can absorb all the evil thrown at Him until none is left to throw, and still defeat His enemy!

And in this frustrating world, where I'm prone to grow weak and tired, I need a King who will be awake all night while I recuperate in sleep, a Champion who is strong enough to keep His word, and a Savior who is mighty enough to break the power of sin in my life. Call Him Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God. And...

**III. Call Him Everlasting Father**—Some translate this title as "Father-Forever." This child will be a father to me in the best of ways - loving, self-sacrificing, always looking out for my best. Ps. 103:13: As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. Fatherly compassion from this king will never come to an end. He is my Father-Forever.

Mingle this title with the two previous ones, and you realize that the effective plans of my Wonderful Counselor will always have my best as the goal, and the power to accomplish those plans will always be tempered to carry me along in a deep, loving involvement in my life. That's what it means to have a Father-Forever.

**IV. Call Him Prince of peace**—He will over-match all His enemies, He will conquer the hearts of His people, He will start something as a child that v. 7 says will never stop growing, and He will do all this without brute force, but by disarming His enemies and bringing peace.

Source: "The Character Of The Savior" by Lloyd Stillely

## KEY VERSE

Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV)

*For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given;  
And the government will be upon His shoulder.  
And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday: Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 2:10-11; Isaiah 16-18**

### Introduction

1. The article on the front of this guide refers to the attributes of Jesus that are contained in Isaiah's prophecy in Isaiah 9:6. Which attribute do you most appreciate about Jesus?
2. Re-read Isaiah 9:6-7. What clues do you see that point to this child being Jesus?

**Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 1:20-31; I John 5:20; Isaiah 19-21**

### Wonderful Counselor

3. How is Jesus wiser than men?
4. What are some situations where you need wisdom or counsel from God? Will you ask Him for wisdom?

**Wednesday: Ephesians 1:15-23; Isaiah 22-24**

### Mighty God

5. How has God shown Himself to be mighty in your life? List some ways.
6. Do you feel weak or facing setbacks this Christmas? How can God help you have victory?

**Thursday: Isaiah 9:6-7; John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16-17; Isa. 25-27**

### Everlasting Father

7. How can you reconcile that the child mentioned in Isaiah 9 is referred to as an Everlasting Father?
8. How is Jesus the giver of life?
9. How has Jesus shown his loving care to you in your life?

**Friday: Jeremiah 23:5-6; Matthew 28:18; Isaiah 28-30**

### Prince Of Peace

10. In what ways is Christ your peace?
11. How has Jesus called you to be a peacemaker this Christmas season?
12. How can you celebrate who Jesus is in a fresh way this Christmas?