

STRAPPED IN, SAFELY SECURED & WISELY SANCTIFIED
FATHER'S DAY
Sermon Outline & Devotional Guide
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- † 2 Chronicles 1:7, "That night God appeared to Solomon and said, 'What do you want? Ask, and I will give it to you!'" (NLT).
 - † 2 Chronicles 9:22-24, "So King Solomon became richer and wiser than any other king on earth. ²³Kings from every nation came to consult him and to hear the wisdom God had given him. ²⁴Year after year everyone who visited brought him gifts of silver and gold, clothing, weapons, spices, horses, and mules" (NLT).
 - † 2 Chronicles 9:25, "Solomon had 4,000 stalls for his horses and chariots, and he had 12,000 horses and charioteers. He stationed some of them in the chariot cities, and some near him in Jerusalem" (NLT).
 - † Ecclesiastes 2:4-8, "I also tried to find meaning by building huge homes for myself and by planting beautiful vineyards. ⁵I made gardens and parks, filling them with all kinds of fruit trees. ⁶I built reservoirs to collect the water to irrigate my many flourishing groves. ⁷I bought slaves, both men and women, and others were born into my household. I also owned large herds and flocks, more than any of the kings who had lived in Jerusalem before me. ⁸I collected great sums of silver and gold, the treasure of many kings and provinces. I hired wonderful singers, both men and women, and had many beautiful concubines. I had everything a man could desire!" (NLT).
 - † Ecclesiastes 2:9-11, "So I became greater than all who had lived in Jerusalem before me, and my wisdom never failed me. ¹⁰Anything I wanted, I would take. I denied myself no pleasure. I even found great pleasure in hard work, a reward for all my labors. ¹¹But as I looked at everything I had worked so hard to accomplish, it was all so meaningless—like chasing the wind. There was nothing really worthwhile anywhere" (NLT).
- Rehoboam, Solomon's son, his reign of folly can be read in 2 Chronicles 10-13.

How Do We As Dads Avoid the Failure of Folly and Foolishness of Solomon As A Father?

1. Make _____ in your home your number one mission, not _____ in your career.

- † Proverbs 23:15, "My son, if your heart is wise, my heart will also be glad – and my inmost being will rejoice" (PAR)
- † Proverbs 23:24, "The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, and he who begets a wise son will be glad in him" (NASB).
- † Proverbs 24:13-14, "My child, eat honey, for it is good, and the honeycomb is sweet to the taste. ¹⁴In the same way, wisdom is sweet to your soul. If you find it, you will have a bright future, and your hopes will not be cut short" (NLT).

- Dads, an education without godly wisdom will only make your sons and daughters intelligent _____ in life.
- The Family Research Council reported that the average father spends only _____ minutes a day of quality time talking with his children; if the mother works too, the number drops to _____ minutes a day.
- The _____ father (whether in the home or not) is increasingly recognized as a strong (if not leading) contributor to the cultural, moral and spiritual meltdown of our nation.
- Our own Southern Baptist Convention recently revealed the conclusion of research they conducted on the influence of fathers in the salvation of their children. The data is staggering. Research reveals that if a child is the first person in a household to become a Christian, there is a _____% probability that everyone else in the household will also become Christians. If the mother is the first to accept Christ, the percentage goes up to _____%. But if the father is the first to place his faith in Christ, _____% of all households follow his conversion to Christ.

2. Godly fathers _____ that being an example is better than simply giving _____ to their kids.

- † Proverbs 5:22-23, “An evil man is held captive by his own sins; they are ropes that catch and hold him. ²³He will die for lack of self-control; he will be lost because of his great foolishness” (NLT).
- † Deuteronomy 17:16-17, “The king must not build up a large stable of horses for himself or send his people to Egypt to buy horses, for the Lord has told you, ‘You must never return to Egypt.’ ¹⁷The king must not take many wives for himself, because they will turn his heart away from the Lord. And he must not accumulate large amounts of wealth in silver and gold for himself” (NLT).
- † 2 Chronicles 9:28a, “Solomon’s horses were imported from Egypt” (NLT).
- † 1 Kings 11:1-6, “Now King Solomon loved many foreign women. Besides Pharaoh’s daughter, he married women from Moab, Ammon, Edom, Sidon, and from among the Hittites. ²The Lord had clearly instructed the people of Israel, ‘You must not marry them, because they will turn your hearts to their gods.’ Yet Solomon insisted on loving them anyway. ³He had 700 wives of royal birth and 300 concubines. And in fact, they did turn his heart away from the Lord. ⁴In Solomon’s old age, they turned his heart to worship other gods instead of being completely faithful to the Lord his God, as his father, David, had been. ⁵Solomon worshiped Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molech, the detestable god of the Ammonites. ⁶In this way, Solomon did what was evil in the Lord’s sight; he refused to follow the Lord completely, as his father, David, had done” (NLT).
- † Deuteronomy 5:6-7, “And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. ⁶And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. ⁷Repeat them again and again to your children fathers. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up” (PAR).
- † Ephesians 6:4, “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord” (NLT).

If You Have Failed In This Dads, Remember These Biblical Truths

1. It is not ever too _____ to _____.

- † Job 8:7, “Though your beginning was insignificant, Yet your end will increase greatly” (NASB).
- † 2 Corinthians 5:17, “This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” (NLT).

2. It’s always too _____ to _____.

- † Galatians 6:9, “So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up” (NLT).
- † Isaiah 41:10, “Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand” (NLT).

***** Next Steps Devotional Questions *****

1. If you are a dad or a parent, what is the hardest part to you about being a dad and why?
2. If you are a dad or a parent, do you tend to give messages to your children or do you model what God says?
3. If you are a dad or a parent, is spiritually shepherding your children your greatest mission instead of succeeding in the world with a career? If it is, why? If not, why not?
4. If you are a dad or a parent, it is never too late to start. Where do you need to start or start over?
5. If you are a dad or a parent, do not quit spiritually shepherding and modeling for your children. Why do you think so many do and how could you help them to start again?