

WISE FATHERING

Proverbs 22:6; 23:13-25 & I Thessalonians 2:9-12 (NIV)
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INTRODUCTION:

A. An adult never forgets how their dad made them feel.

*"My child, listen and be wise...Listen to your father, who gave you life...
get the truth and never sell it...The father of godly children has cause for joy.
What a pleasure to have children who are wise. So, give your father..joy."
— Proverbs 23:19-25*

*"For you know that we (Paul and friends) dealt with each of you as a father
deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to
live lives worthy of God who calls you into His Kingdom and glory."*
— I Thessalonians 2:11-12 (NIV)

*"Direct your children onto the right path, and when they get older they will not
leave it." — Proverbs 22:6*

I. A WISE FATHER IS AN ENCOURAGER

A. Let's be fathers of encouraging words.

- ...a father (that is) encouraging... — I Thessalonians 2:12
- ...it is wonderful to say the right thing at the right time! — Proverbs 15:23
- ... good news makes for good health. — Proverbs 15:30

B. "Kind words are like honey — sweet to the soul and healthy for the body."
— Proverbs 16:24

C. Pick 4 words to describe the adult you pray your child will grow up to become.

II. WISE FATHERS ARE COMFORTERS

A. A comforting dad is one who says "I'll be there."

*"(God) comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others.
When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort
God has given us." — 2 Corinthians 1:3-4*

III. WISE FATHERS ARE SPIRITUAL MOTIVATORS

*"...urging you to live lives worthy of God who calls you into His Kingdom and glory."
— I Thessalonians 2:12*

B. Dads, we can't pass on what we don't possess ourselves.

- Acknowledge Jesus Christ (John 3:16) & Accept (John 1:12)

CONCLUSION: