

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: