

DAD AND THE GOSPEL

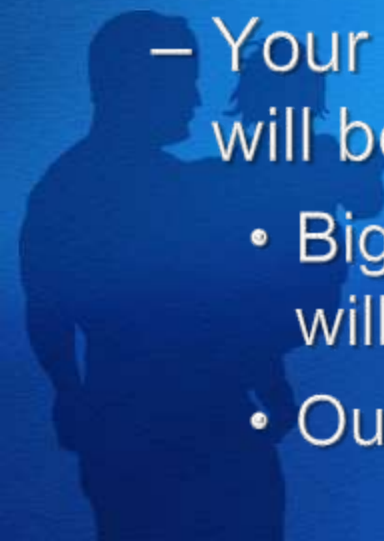
THE GOSPEL

- Book of Philippians impressed on us the centrality of the gospel in the life of believers
- The gospel needs to invade every aspect of life
 - “Whatever happens, live worthy of the gospel”
 - At work, at play, at church, in our speech, in our actions, in our thoughts, in our attitudes and in all of our relationships
 - Of greatest importance, in our homes. This is where it starts and has the greatest impact
 - What does this look like for dads?

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- Relationships at home flavored by the gospel
 - Your spouse... this relationship will be the greatest influence on how your children learn to relate to others – especially the opposite gender
 - Marriage relationship – Christ and the church
 - Your children... how you relate to your children will be a huge factor in their development
 - Big shoes to fill... Dad's relationship with his kids will heavily influence how your children view God
 - Our Heavenly Father is our example



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3 WAYS WE EMULATE OUR HEAVENLY
FATHER AND REFLECT THE GOSPEL:

WISE DADS

KIND DADS

HUMBLE DADS



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WISE DADS

- Wisdom, a common thread throughout the Bible
 - OT... the law, wisdom lit., prophets, writings
 - 2 types of people: wise and foolish
 - Foolish people trust in/rely on themselves and reject or scoff at God's commands and his word
 - Wise people trust God and his word and follow his commands
 - Proverbs 4:7...The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.



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WISE DADS

Psalm 111:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.

Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of
knowledge ;fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 8:13

The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and
arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech
I hate.

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WISE DADS

- NT... Jesus continually refers back to Proverbs and displays incredible wisdom in his life
 - Luke 2:52, “Jesus grew in wisdom and stature”
- NT... Paul, Peter and James
- James 1... “if anyone lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously...”
- Paul in 1 Corinthians 1:30

“It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.”

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PROVERBS 4:1-13

¹ Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction;
pay attention and gain understanding.

² I give you sound learning,
so do not forsake my teaching.

³ For I too was a son to my father,
still tender, and cherished by my mother.

⁴ Then he taught me, and he said to me,
"Take hold of my words with all your heart;
keep my commands, and you will live.

⁵ Get wisdom, get understanding;
do not forget my words or turn away from them.

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PROVERBS 4:1-13

⁶ Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you.

⁷ The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.

⁸ Cherish her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honour you.

⁹ She will give you a garland to grace your head and present you with a glorious crown.” ¹⁰ Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many.

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PROVERBS 4:1-13

¹¹ I instruct you in the way of wisdom
and lead you along straight paths.

¹² When you walk, your steps will not be hampered;
when you run, you will not stumble.

¹³ Hold on to instruction, do not let it go;
guard it well, for it is your life.



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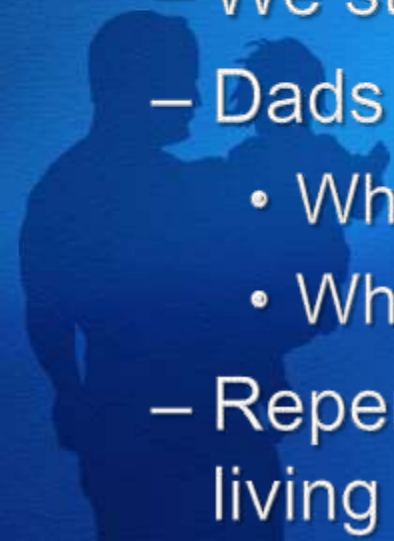
KIND DADS

- Our children need us to be kind just like our heavenly Father is kind to us
 - Fruit of the Spirit produces kindness and gentleness
 - Proverbs 21:21
Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honour.
- Firm but kind
 - Discipline vs. punishment
 - Don't be harsh, be firm!

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HUMBLE DADS

- Pride is our enemy
 - Our God modeled humility perfectly in Jesus
 - God opposes proud but gives grace to humble
- The good news of repentance
 - We strive to be like God, but we always fall short
 - Dads need to model repentance for our families
 - When we sin against our children, we repent!
 - When others sin against us, we forgive!
 - Repentance and forgiveness are outcomes of living the gospel!



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OUR CHALLENGE AS DADS...

- Pursue wisdom though it cost you all you have
- Pursue righteousness and kindness
 - Be firm but kind!
- Pursue humility and repentance and graciously give forgiveness

Work hard to truly understand the gospel and then let the gospel dictate how you raise your children

