
“Fatherhood”

(David & his children - II Samuel 13, 15, 18, pg. 223)

“King David was shaken. He went up to the room over the gateway and wept. As he went, he said: ‘O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you ~ O Absalom, my son, my son.’”

(David grieving over the death of his son ~ II Sam. 18:33)

“Home” is God’s built-in training facility to impart spiritual truth from one generation to the next.

DAVID’S FOUR “BLIND-SPOTS” AS A FATHER...

1. The secret sins of the parents often become the public sins of their children.

2. There is no substitute for parents in the lives of their children.

3. Children want and need attention from their parents ~ and they will pursue it in either a positive or negative manner ~ so long as they’re not ignored.

: The opposite of “love” is not hate ~ it’s “indifference”. We’ll die for our children, but we neglect to live with them in the warmth of loving relationship.

4. Parents who do not effectively discipline their children, will sooner or later live with a broken heart.

To reverse unhealthy trends in your child-rearing practices...

- Take full responsibility for your actions
- Put your failures on Christ, and receive His forgiveness
- Choose to change ~ with God’s help
- Pursue the counsel and application of God’s Word
- Find an older married couple (whose children you admire) to mentor you in your parenting