



## Fathers & Sons

"Sons have always a rebellious wish to be disillusioned by that which charmed their fathers". *Aldous Huxley*

## Quotes....

"When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years." *Mark Twain*

"By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong." *Charles Wadsworth*

"Until a boy is fifteen he does what his father says; after that he does what his father does." *Author Unknown*

"Don't worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you." *Robert Fulghum*

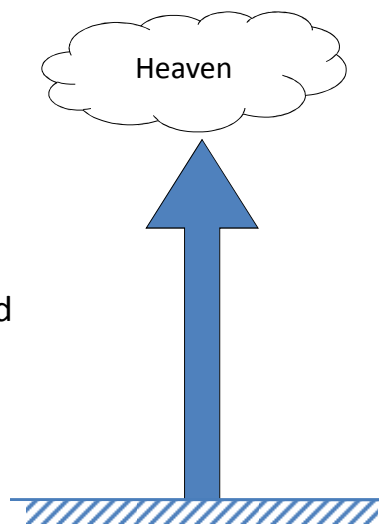
## Lesson Outline

1. What is my ultimate objective?
2. How can I put God deep into my son's heart?
3. When am I most proud of my son?
4. What will be his 2<sup>nd</sup> most important decision in his life?
5. What is a "true son"?
6. Final thoughts

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## What is my ultimate objective?

**Revelation 3:5** He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out **his name** from the **Book of Life**; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.



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“When a child is born, it’s like the father has shot his arrow far into the sky with the destination set wherever it is directed.” *Paul Earnhart*



So what are **YOUR** expectations?

“If you aim for nothing, you’ll be certain to hit it.”

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Are **YOUR** Children Orphans?  
Are they Fatherless?

You have a lifetime to work, but children are only young once.  
*(Polish Proverb)*



“If a father **only** provides his children with physical necessities, he provides them with no more than children receive who have been institutionalized because they have no parents. **They are homeless children** orphaned by a father who is not man enough to be a real father.” *Robert Harkrider*

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## Verses quoted in this series....

**Proverbs 1:8-19** My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother; (9) For they *will be* a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck. (10) My son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent.....

**Proverbs 3:11-17** My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor detest His correction; (12) For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son *in whom* he delights....

**Proverbs 4:10-19** Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, And the years of your life will be many. (11) I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths. (12) When you walk, your steps will not be hindered, And when you run, you will not stumble....

**Proverbs 6:20-23** My son, **keep your father's command**, And **do not forsake the law of your mother**. (21) Bind them continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck. (22) When you roam, they will lead you; When you sleep, they will keep you; And when you awake, they will speak with you. (23) For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life,

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## Verses quoted in this series....

**Proverbs 5:20-23** For why should you, my son, be enraptured by an immoral woman, And be embraced in the arms of a seductress?....

**Proverbs 4:20-27** My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. (21) Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; (22) For they *are* life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh. (23) Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it *spring* the issues of life. (24) Put away from you a deceitful mouth, And put perverse lips far from you. (25) Let your eyes look straight ahead, And your eyelids look right before you. (26) Ponder the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established. (27) Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.

**Proverbs 23:24-25** The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, And he who begets a wise child will delight in him. (25) Let your father and your mother be glad, And let her who bore you rejoice.

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**Proverbs 16:25** There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

**Psalms 25:4-5** Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. (5) Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.

**Psalms 34:11** Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

**Psalms 86:11** Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.

**Psalms 119:33** Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, And I shall keep it to the end.

**Psalms 143:10** Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.

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## How do I put God deep into my son's heart?

**Matthew 10:33-37** But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven..... (37) He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. **And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.**

**Proverbs 13:24** He who spares his rod hates his son, **But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.**

**Proverbs 19:18** **Chasten your son while there is hope,** And do not set your heart on his destruction.

**Proverbs 29:17** **Correct your son,** and he will give you rest; Yes, he will give delight to your soul.

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## How do I put God deep into my son's heart?

**Exodus 13:14** So it shall be, **when your son asks** you in time to come, saying, 'What is this?' that **you shall say to him**, 'By strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

**Deuteronomy 6:5-9** **You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.** (6) "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. (7) You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. (8) You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. (9) You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

We should not measure these inspired words by the latest accepted theories, but should measure the latest theories by these God given commands! (*Kelfer*)

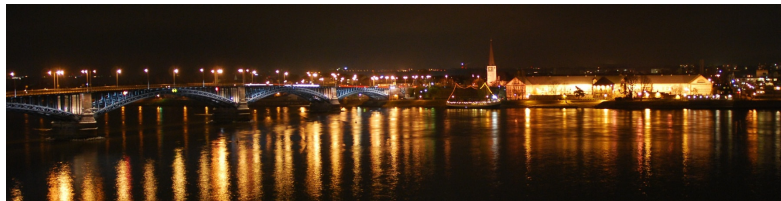
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## My favorite verses.....

**Hebrews 10:24-25** And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, (25) **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together**, as is the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

**Ephesians 6:4** And you, fathers, **do not provoke your children to wrath**, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

**1 Corinthians 10:13** No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.



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## When am I the most proud of my son?

Your children know when you are the most proud; do you?

- What has your child done?
- Is it ok to be proud of your son or daughter for accomplishments other than spiritual?

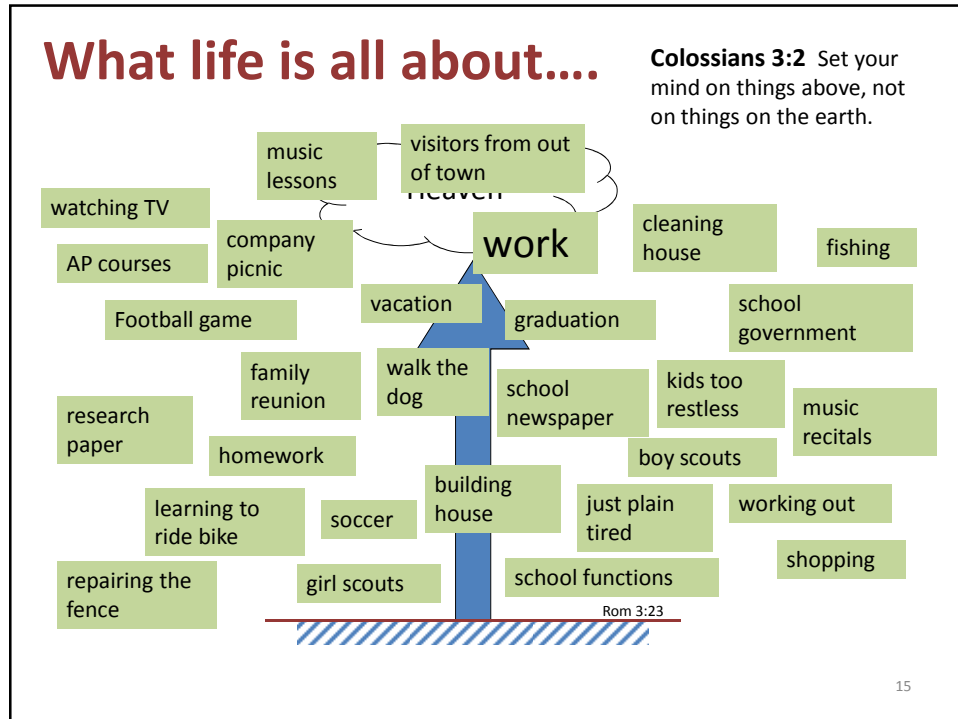


## You Will Not Be Popular.....

- With your children (sometimes)
- With the school principal, teacher, coach, scout leader
- With your neighbors
- With some brethren

But, you be the parent!

**John 9:20-22** His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; (21) but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." (22) **His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.**



## 2<sup>nd</sup> most important decision....

### Choosing a “Helper”

- Not good for man to live alone
- When Adam observed all of the animals, he noticed that he was the only one that did not have a helper.... A mate of his own kind- his equal in so many ways
- Possibly God created woman later for several reasons
  - *Wanted man to appreciate her and see his emptiness*
- Helper to reach the ultimate spiritual goal of *Heaven*



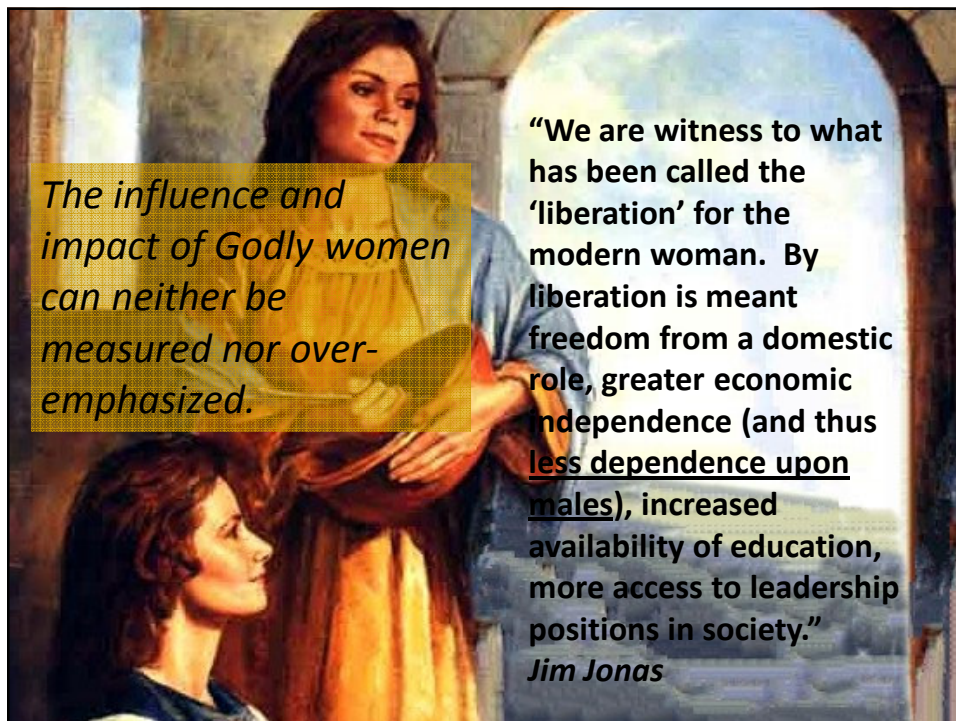
## Why Did God Create Woman?

### Genesis 2

- (18) And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; **I will make him a helper comparable to him.**"
- (19) Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.
- (20) So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. **But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.**

To influence man.....

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## Influence of a Woman....

Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, **she gave me of the tree, and I ate.**" (Genesis 3:12)

**Bad**

**Adam** still responsible

But there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of the LORD, **because Jezebel his wife stirred him up.** (1 Kings 21:25)

**Bad**

**Ahab** still responsible

when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, **which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice**, and I am persuaded is in you also. (2 Timothy 1:5)

**Good**

**Timothy** still responsible

The influence is undeniable and we must choose the right influence to achieve the goals we want to reach

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## What do *you* look for in a *wife*?

Drop-dead gorgeous

Kind

Honest

Caring

Good mother



Good Humor

Christian

Happy

Patient

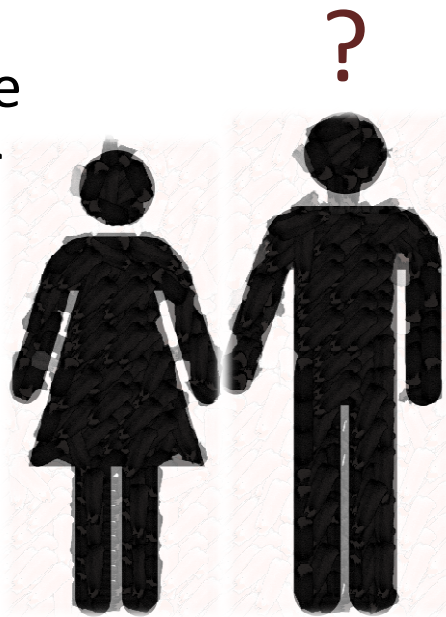
Godly

Same

interests

What does a **woman** with these attributes look for in a husband?

Do **you** have these qualities for which she is searching?



## Through a Mutual Friend.....

**James 2:23**

And the Scripture was fulfilled which says,

"**ABRAHAM** BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS ACCOUNTED TO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS."

And he was called the **friend of God**.

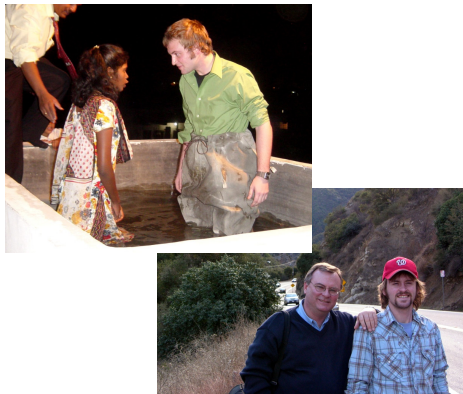
## 2<sup>nd</sup> most important decision....

- Must know that God created the woman to have an influence upon a man
- Some woman have a positive influence; some do not
- To find the right influence, you must first set your life right with God
- Then, she will find you....

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## What is a “true son”?

**1 Timothy 1:2** To Timothy, a true son in the faith:  
Grace, mercy, *and* peace from God our Father and Jesus  
Christ our Lord.



Many godly men will never experience the joy (and trials) of a physical son..... But they all can experience the fulfillment of a spiritual son.

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## Can he one day be a *Leader of God's People*?



**Experience**

- Not a Novice
- Mature Family Man
- Able to Teach

**Moral Purity**

- Lover of Good
- Not given to wine
- Not greedy for money

**Temperament**

- Self-controlled
- Sober-minded
- Not violent
- Not self-willed

**Good Influence**

- Blameless
- Good Testimony
- Just
- Hospitable

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## Final thoughts.....

### 1 Kings 2:1-3

Now the days of David drew near that he should die, and he charged Solomon his son, saying: (2) "I go the way of all the earth; be strong, therefore, and **prove yourself a man.** (3) And **keep the charge** of the LORD your God: to **walk in His ways**, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn.

### 2 Peter 1:12-14

For this reason I **will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.** (13) Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, (14) knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.

## The ultimate joy....

### Psalms 128:1-6

Blessed is every one who fears the LORD, Who walks in His ways. (2) When you eat the labor of your hands, You shall be happy, and it shall be well with you. (3) Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine In the very heart of your house, Your children like olive plants All around your table. (4) Behold, thus shall the man be blessed Who fears the LORD. (5) The LORD bless you out of Zion, And may you see the good of Jerusalem All the days of your life. (6) Yes, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

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## A note from Will, my son....

*It really helped me that I wasn't pushed to do anything by my dad, whether sports, music, school, etc. The only obligation was serving the Lord. And because that was the only thing, I knew that was a priority and nothing else in this world mattered.*

*Walks are also good, my dad and I walked about twice a week during my high school years. I guess walks are a good way for a father to show his son he can also be his good friend. I was always honest with my dad because I knew he would not react violently to what I was telling him. Because I knew he would be understanding, and would relate to some of my problems, I told him a lot of things I otherwise would not have told him. We are more like great friends rather than father and son.*

*William Roe Roberts*

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