

1 Chronicles 28:9-29:19

David is approaching death. Some unfinished business must be attended to before he passes on.

1. First, he must publicly hand the kingdom over to his son Solomon, whom God chose to succeed him.
2. He also must commission his successor to do what he could never do: build the temple of God.
3. He is really, one last time, pouring into Solomon with all he has.

As fathers, our ultimate hope and goal should be to breath into our children, to train our children, to teach our children so that they might become kingdom altering, world changing, godly people.

1. Several years back, while reading this account, several things stood out to me that I need to be reminded of today.
2. I hope that they will be helpful to you as well.

David was clearly not a perfect man...but He was called a man after God's own heart, so we can learn from him. There are 6 main things that we see David do, that we can seek to emulate.

I. He provided his child teaching and instruction 28:9

Solomon gives us a large portion of the book of Proverbs.

1. It is safe to assume that many of them, if not most of them, were given to him by his father David, who was a man after God's own heart
2. Who knows in what ways David tried to convey the truths of Scripture to Solomon while he was young.

Now David is making one last effort to disciple Solomon in the ways of God.

1. He is pleading, Solomon, first and foremost know God.
2. Solomon, serve God with a whole heart and with a willing mind.
3. I am not looking for outward **conformity**, but heart **conversion**.
4. I am not looking for outward **reformation**, but heart **transformation**.
5. Solomon, God looks past the outward appearance and searches hearts.
6. Seek God, and please do not forsake him.

If we are to produce a kingdom altering, world changing, godly heritage, we must teach and instruct our children.

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

II. He provided his child a purpose 28:10

David informs Solomon that God has a purpose for his life and for his rule!

1. The Lord has chosen you to build his house.
2. There is nothing greater that you can accomplish with your life.
3. David gave Solomon a goal, a purpose, and a vision.

You can give your children the Word of God, but if they do not get a vision from God, a purpose, they will not reach their full potential for God.

1. Your children need purpose and vision.
2. Psalm 127:3-5
 - a. Where are you aiming your children?
 - b. What is your vision for your family?

If we are to produce kingdom altering, world changing, godly children, we must give our children a God-sized vision and purpose.

III. He provided his child a plan 28:11-19

David, three different times, lays out the plan for the temple for Solomon.

1. He didn't just give him the vision.
2. He gave him the step by step plan of accomplishing the vision.
3. He gave him the plan and he made it clear, "in writing" to accomplish his purpose.

Our children don't just need generalities. They need us to cast the vision and then show them clearly how to get there.

If we are to produce kingdom altering, world changing, godly children, we must develop and communicate a plan to them.

IV. He provided his child praise 28:20

David went on to praise and bless Solomon.

1. Be strong and courageous and do this.
2. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for God is with you.
3. God is going to remain with you until the work is done.
4. He is affirming, blessing, and praising Solomon.

If we are to produce a kingdom altering, world changing, godly heritage, we must intentionally bless our children.

1. We can't just bark out the Bible, lay out the purpose, and push them through the plan like a drill sergeant on a bad day.
2. We must encourage our children, praise their strengths, and bless them.

When we bless our children we become a channel for God's blessing to flow through us to them.

1. Numbers 6:22-27 *"The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."*
2. Blessing our children is a way to encourage our children.
3. Often most of our communication with our children and families tends to be negative.
4. If we are to raise up a godly generation that will impact future generations, we must bless our children.

V. He provided his child provision 28:21-29:9

David provided guidance and manpower for Solomon.

David provided for the house of God as far as he was able.

1. He provided the gold, the silver, the brass, the wood, and the stones.
2. Solomon was fully prepared to follow the plan and accomplish the purpose of God because David had spent his life providing for it.

He even went so far as to provide Solomon with the support of the people.

If we are to produce kingdom altering, world changing, godly children, we must make the necessary provisions for our children.

1. Proverbs 13:22 *“A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the righteous.”*
2. The text says that David provided for Solomon “as he was able.”
3. Obviously David was more financially able than us, yet it gives us encouragement that all we are expected to provide is what we are able.

How would your spending change if you had a God-sized vision and plan and were seeking to equip your children to carry it on?

VI. He provided his child prayer 29:10-19

The importance of praying daily for your family cannot be overstated.

1. We must pray for their physical health, emotional health, and spiritual health.
2. We must pray for their futures.
3. We must pray, for our children are ultimately in the mighty hand of our great God.

Conclusion:

We really can only do so much in our lifetime...and we should do as much as we can!

1. But our impact is multiplied if our spiritual ceilings become our children's spiritual floors.
2. I wonder if something like this didn't happen with Abraham.
3. Genesis 11:27-28 / 11:31-32 / Genesis 12:1-5
4. It is as if Terah heard the voice of God, but didn't complete the mission...but he got things going as far as Haran, and God called Abram there to carry on.

Jonathan and Sarah Edwards invested themselves in the people of Northampton, MA as Edwards pastored the congregational church there during the first great awakening.

1. He left his mark on the world through his preaching and his writing.
2. But He and Sarah left their mark in another way as well.
3. Over a 150 year period this one marriage produced
 - a. 13 college presidents,
 - b. 65 professors,
 - c. 100 lawyers,
 - d. 30 judges,
 - e. 66 doctors,
 - f. 3 U.S. Senators, 3 mayors, 3 governors, and VP of the U.S.A.
 - g. Jonathan and Sarah Edwards' descendants authored 135 books and edited 18 journals and periodicals.
 - k. Scores entered the ministry and at least 100 served as overseas missionaries.

Let us be careful that we do not use our children as an excuse not to personally engage the lost world! But let us also be careful that we do not use the lost world as an excuse not to personally invest in our children. No, let us set the example for them by aligning our priorities with God's and let us catapult them to go farther than we can for the glory of God.

Home Group Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways are you attempting to teach and instruct your children?
2. Do you have a clear purpose/vision for your children/family? If not, think about and discuss some possibilities. If you do have a clear purpose/vision, do you have a plan?
3. How do you do at encouraging and praising your children? Why do you think this is?
4. Discuss some ways that we should pray for our children. Stop and take a moment to pray now.
5. What was the most impactful thing you took away from the sermon Sunday?