

“Respectful Men”

1 Kings 2:1-2

A Strong Man

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1) Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,
2) I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man;

Advice, Death

- A man once told his son that if he wanted to live a long life the secret was to sprinkle a little gunpowder on his cornflakes every morning. The son did this religiously, and lived to be 93.
- When he died, he left 14 children, 28 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and a 15-foot hole in the wall of the crematorium.

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- **Be Strong & Be a Man**

Teach Son Maturity

1 Corinthians 13:11

**11) When I was a child, I spake as a child,
I understood as a child, I thought as a
child: but when I became a man, I put
away childish things.**

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- **Keep the Charge of the Lord Thy God**
– **Walk in His Ways**

Walk in “God’s” Ways

1 Kings 2:3

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- The reason a lot of people do not recognize opportunity is because it usually goes around wearing overalls looking like hard work.

-Thomas Edison

To Walk is to Work

2 Thessalonians 3:8-15

8) Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:

9) Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.

10) For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

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- 11) For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.
- 12) Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.
- 13) But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.
- 14) And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.
- 15) Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

Samuel's Sons Strayed

1 Samuel 8:3

- 3) And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

Why Follow His Ways?

Isaiah 55:8-9

- 8) For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.
- 9) For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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1 Kings 2:4

4) That the LORD may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.

Family Legacy

- Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph
- Naomi, Ruth
- David, Solomon
- Lois, Eunice, Timothy

Spiritual Legacy

- Elijah, Elisha
- Paul, Timothy / Titus
- Barnabas, John Mark / Paul

Legacy of Blessings

- Prosper in all You Do (v. 3)
- Prosper Wherever You Go (v. 3)
- Israel Always Have a Man on the Throne (v. 4)

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- Remember My Experiences
 - (1 Kings 2:5-9)

Fathers And Time

- Charles Francis Adams was the United States ambassador to Great Britain during the Lincoln administration. He had the habit of keeping a daily diary. He also taught his son, Brooks, the value of journaling his activities in a diary.
- One memorable day, eight-year-old Brooks recorded, "Went fishing with my father, the most glorious day of my life." It must have been, for the next forty years Brooks repeatedly mentioned it in his diary.

Fathers And Time

- His father also wrote about the fishing trip. His own diary on that pivotal day for his son reads, "Went fishing with my son; a day wasted."
- Did he ever know that a single day spent with Brooks may have been the most well spent day of his life? He may have felt that, as a United States ambassador, his time was extremely valuable. But history seems to show that some individual time spent with his son may have turned out to be one of his most valuable investments. Which raises the question: is there an important way you can spend some time today?

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Life is Short

Job 14:1-2

- 1) Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble.
- 2) He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

Life is Short

James 4:14

- 14) Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

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Go to God’s Way

James 4:7-10
7) Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
8) Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.
9) Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.
10) Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

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