

Sermon Questions "Thanks Dad"

Proverbs 3:1-12

1. Share a memory you have of your father or grandfather.
2. Share an expression or a saying you often heard from your father.
3. Pastor Mark noted that his Dad taught him the value of work. Why is it important for parents to help their children understand and value the gift of labor? How does learning to do a good job and strive for excellence in work lead to a better quality of life?
4. Read 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12 and Colossians 3:23-24. How does a strong work ethic honor the Lord and bless others?
5. Pastor Mark tells the story of his Dad refusing to buy him a new bike, but instead encouraging him to save up and buy a bike with his own money. How might such an experience benefit a 13-year old?
6. Why is it important for Parents to model financial wisdom in their own lives and teach that wisdom to their children?
7. In what ways does our modern culture make it difficult to teach children about financial wisdom?
8. As a general rule, women tend to be more interested in church than men these days. Why do you think that is the case?
9. Pastor Mark mentioned that when he was a boy, his father went to church with the rest of the family out of respect for his wife (Mark's mom) rather than out of a love for the Lord. Do you think that was appropriate? Why or why not?
10. In general, families are attending church less often these days. What impact do you think this has on the family and on society in general?
11. Mark shared how his father came to an authentic faith in the Lord rather late in life, but his faith did change his life and made him a better person. Can you recall someone who experienced a significant change in his or her life because of faith in Jesus and the ministry of the church?
12. Worship attendance on Sunday morning for Mother's Day is typically above average, while worship attendance on Sunday morning for Father's Day is typically below average. Why do you think that is the case?
13. Read Proverbs 3:5-7. In what areas of your life do you struggle to "trust in the Lord and not lean on your own understanding"?
14. If you could say "thank you" to your earthly father for one thing, what would it be?