

Being a Good Father!
KINGMAKER, Pt. 3
Proverbs 20:7, 2 Kings 11 & 21
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Proverbs 14:11, *The house of the wicked will be destroyed, but the tent of the upright will flourish.*

Proverbs 14:34, *Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people.*

Proverbs 20:7, *The righteous lead blameless lives; blessed are their children after them.*

1. A BAD Father

2 Kings 21:1, *Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-five years... 3 He rebuilt the high places his father Hezekiah had destroyed; he also erected altars to Baal and made an Asherah pole, as Ahab king of Israel had done. He bowed down to all the starry hosts and worshiped them. 4 He built altars in the temple of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "In Jerusalem I will put my Name." 5 In the two courts of the temple of the LORD, he built altars to all the starry hosts. 6 He sacrificed his own son in the fire, practiced divination, sought omens, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the eyes of the LORD, arousing his anger.*

2. A GOOD Father

2 Kings 10:15, *After he left there, he came upon Jehonadab son of Rekab, who was on his way to meet him. Jehu greeted him and said, "Are you in accord with me, as I am with you?" "I am," Jehonadab answered. "If so," said Jehu, "give me your hand." So he did, and Jehu helped him up into*

the chariot. 16 Jehu said, "Come with me and see my zeal for the LORD." Then he had him ride along in his chariot.

2 Kings 11:1, *When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she proceeded to destroy the whole royal family. 2 But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Jehoram and sister of Ahaziah, took Joash son of Ahaziah and stole him away from among the royal princes, who were about to be murdered. She put him and his nurse in a bedroom to hide him from Athaliah; so he was not killed. 3 He remained hidden with his nurse at the temple of the LORD for six years while Athaliah ruled the land. 4 In the seventh year Jehoiada sent for the commanders of units of a hundred, the Carites and the guards and had them brought to him at the temple of the LORD. He made a covenant with them and put them under oath at the temple of the LORD. Then he showed them the king's son.*

2 Kings 11:12, *Jehoiada brought out the king's son and put the crown on him; he presented him with a copy of the covenant and proclaimed him king. They anointed him, and the people clapped their hands and shouted, "Long live the king!"*

2 Kings 12:1, *In the seventh year of Jehu, Joash became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem forty years. His mother's name was Zibiah; she was from Beersheba. 2 Joash did what was right in the eyes of the LORD...*

A Good Father Always:

1. Knows God and Teaches His Children About the FAITH

Proverbs 22:6, *Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.*

Deuteronomy 6:6, *These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*

1 Timothy 5:8, *Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*

2. Provides an Example Worth FOLLOWING

Romans 2:21, *you, then, who teach others, do you not teach yourself? You who preach against stealing, do you steal? 22 You who say that people should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? 23 You who boast in the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law? 24 As it is written: "God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."*

Proverbs 17:6, *Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.*

1 Timothy 4:12, *Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.*

3. Loves and Disciplines His KIDS

Ephesians 6:4, *Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*

3 John 1:4, *I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.*

1 Corinthians 13:1, *If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.*

4. Honors His Wife and the Mother of His CHILDREN

Ephesians 5:25, *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her... 28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.*

5. Models Selfless Sacrifice and Service to OTHERS

Matthew 20:28, *just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*