



SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday March 19th, 2017

PASTOR DAVID COOKE: FOOLPROOF FATHER

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- A. SHOWS COMPASSION

“As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.” (Psalm 103:13, ESV)

- B. NURTURE THE HEART

- That they would listen.

“Hear, my son, your father’s instruction, and forsake not your mother’s teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.” (Proverbs 1:8–9, ESV)



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- That They would obey

“My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.” (Proverbs 3:1–2, ESV)

- That they would honor their mother

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C. RAISES THEM UP

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4, ESV)



D. DISCIPLINES

It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.
Hebrews 12:7–11 (ESV)

- **THE HEART OF A FATHER**

“And you know that we treated each of you as a father treats his own children. We pleaded with you, encouraged you, and urged you to live your lives in a way that God would consider worthy. For he called you to share in his Kingdom and glory.”
(1 Thessalonians 2:11–12, NLT)

1. Pleading
2. Encouraging
3. Urging

- **A Foolproof Father points the heart of his children toward Jesus.**



SERMON STUDY GUIDE 3/19/17

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Prayer: Give your time to God. Before your sermon discussion, pray together. Save the prayer requests for later in your group meeting and just start praying and praising... about anything that is on your hearts and minds.

IceBreaker: Describe a meaningful memory you have of a “father figure” in your life.

This could be your birth father or brother, mentor, leader, friend, etc.

This Week:

(Psalm 103:13; Prov. 1:8-9, 3:1-2; Eph. 6:4; Heb. 12:7-11; 1 Thess. 2:11-12)

1. What stood out to you from the weekend teaching? What was hard to hear? What was affirming?
2. Describe three godly character traits of a wise father.
3. What importance has the idea of a “father figure” held in your life? What impact has that had on your faith journey?
4. The context of fatherly advice to a son is found in Proverbs. How do Proverbs 1:8-9 and 3:1-2 correlate with a “Foolproof Father”? How do these verses apply to your life?
5. Read Psalm 103:13 and Hebrews 12:7-11. What difference does God’s “fatherly” love for you make?

You may or may not have had a “Foolproof” earthly father. But you do have a perfect Heavenly Father! Through God’s grace and power, we can have meaningful relationships in which we are known and know someone else.

Coming Soon - Deep Love Life Groups for our Sermon Series!

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