

LifeGroup Questions
Based On: 1 Kings 2:1-4
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Overview

“I want to be like dad.” “Filling your daddy’s shoes.” “Like Father, Like Son/Daughter.” You don’t have to be a father to have said or heard one of these phrases. They, along with many others, demonstrate the impact a father can have on his kids whether it is good or bad. There are a lot of things we plan for in life: retirement, buying a house, vacations, etc., but do we ever consider what legacy we are passing down to our children? Do you ever think about the legacy that was passed on to you? It is too easy to get caught up in the routine of life; allowing months and years to go by without thinking about how our words and actions are being absorbed by those around you. What difference does it make if you don’t pray with your family? Is it really that big of a deal to spend all your time at work? Everyone argues at some point and gets angry – so what if your people witness it? A call to be a godly man (or father) is not a call to be perfect, but it is a call to pursue godly character in your life and to the best of your ability pass that legacy on. It is not that angry word or dumb argument you got caught up in that will forever influence those around you. It is a pattern of life that will have an impact on not only your kids but also those who spend time with you. You do not have a choice in leaving a legacy. Everyone will leave one whether it is good or bad.

Bible Study: 1 Kings 2:1-4

1. How does society define a “man”? In what ways is this different from the way God defines being a man?
2. What are some of the biggest challenges facing godly men in today’s society?
3. King David didn’t lead a perfect life. He committed adultery and murder. Despite his mistakes he wanted to instill in Solomon a legacy of faith. In what ways can your mistakes deter you from wanting to leave a legacy of faith?
4. Read 1 Kings 2:1-4. Being charged to follow God is great, being shown how to follow God is better. How can a man be an example to those around him of what it means to follow God?
5. King David made two charges to Solomon. First, was to be committed to God. Second, was concerning his kingdom. In today’s world we can view this as God, job, home. What happens when priorities get out of order?
6. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 NASB reads: “Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.” There is a balance between toughness and being loving. Paul mentions being alert, firm, acting like a man (brave), and being strong all under the umbrella of love. Why does the Apostle Paul emphasize everything be done in love?