

## Intro

- Father's day
- Find message applicable to all Christians.

## Text 1 Kings 2:1 through 3

When David's time to die drew near, he commanded Solomon his son, saying, "I am about to go the way of all the Earth. Be strong, and show yourself a man, and keep the charge of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his rules, and his testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn."

## Background

- David groomed Solomon for the specific task of succeeding him as king.
- Attempts were made at throne from Absalom and Adonijah.
- However, God had chosen Solomon as a man of peace who would sit as king.

v.1 "I go the way of all the Earth."

(first point) Realize Your Mortality

- Our time here on Earth is limited.
- We have come from dust and to dust we shall return.
- Death rate hovers around 100%.
- Grandpa wayne and final words.
- It is brief and very short: "for dust you are and to dust you shall return" (gen 3:19).
- Take the opportunity in your days to maximize your time and invest wisely into the people who have been entrusted to you.

Be strong, show yourself a man, and keep the charge of the LORD

(second point) Assume Command

- Solomon was chosen and appointed for a specific duty.
- We are called to take charge and lead. Fathers are unique in that they are the only ones who can be dad to their children.
- Be strong and show yourself a man. A Hebrew idiom meaning to rise to the challenge of battle and have victory over one's enemies.
- Every Christian is delegated authority from God and will be held accountable for how it is used.
- Want to test a man, give him power.

- Parable of talents in Mt. 25. One hid it. The temptation is to abdicate responsibility and outsource duty.
- This is the difference the first and second Adams in 1 Cor 15. The first man Adam became a living being";the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.
- First adam was passive and brought about death. Second adam took initiative to bring salvation.

How are we going to assume command in a way that honors Jesus?

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(third point) Impart the Word

- The impetus of David's charge was to be immersed in the word of God.
- Fathers are to give instruction. E.g. dad and lego building.

Dt. 17:18-20 <sup>18</sup>“And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by<sup>[a]</sup> the Levitical priests. <sup>19</sup>And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, <sup>20</sup>that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.

You will not be able to lead and father w/out knowing and teaching the word.

Deut 6:6-9 these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.<sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Concl.

- I am calling you step up and step out.
- In David's last words, we have captured the heart of a man who wanted the very best for his son. He realized that he would soon pass and commanded Solomon to take charge and serve the people by adhering to the words which God had spoken.
- Call to repentance and renewal.
- Fall on your face before the living God and He will cause you to stand strong and walk tall.

Prayer in the back.