Sunday Morning | June 19, 2016 FANTASTIC SUMMER Sundays

"WHAT A FATHER DOES"

PROVERBS 2:1-8

INSIGHT: Two areas men are too passive, biblically: discipline and protection (Exodus 20:5).

TRUTH: God's plan is godly fathers teach the sons and impact the mothers, and the godly sons will impact the daughters of the next generation.

TRUTH: Proverbs is the basic resource book for fathers to use on their sons.

BIBLE MAXIM: As fathers go, so go nations, so go generations, so goes history.

DEFINITION: A "proverb" is a principle in concise terms for easy remembrance.

TRUTH: The primary duty of a father is to teach holy living primarily to his sons.

DEFINITION: Wisdom is not just how a son thinks but how he acts.

I. FEAR THE LORD (Proverbs 1:7, 9:10).

Means two things:

A. Positively

B. Negatively

TRUTH: Your worship pattern is your son's pattern and will most likely be your grandson's.

TRUTH: When God is feared so is sin, and the end result of sin is death, destruction and misery.

II. GUARD THE MIND (Proverbs 3:3, 4:23).

TRUTH: Protect your child from what they're exposed to.

TRUTH: Children and young teens have to be protected from themselves as well as the world around them.

TRUTH: There is no such thing as right to privacy for children and very young teens.

TRUTH: Children and young teens are not little adults... They are children in desperate need of protection and guidance in decision making.

TRUTH: Trust can be given but only with accountability; when they lose your trust, they must earn it back.

III. PARENTAL OBEDIENCE (Proverbs 3:11, 10:13)

TRUTH: Discipline conforms your son to wisdom, breaks self-will, removes foolishness, delivers him from spiritual death and makes him a delight to your home.

TRUTH: The payoff of biblical discipline done in love is peace (Proverbs 29:17).

TRUTH: It's not your job for your child to always like you, but to always respect you.