Like Father, Like Son *(Part 2)*

The Key to Wise Parenting

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Ephesians 5:11-21 *(NIV)*

11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. 13 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. 14 This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." 15 **Be very careful, then, how you live**—not as unwise but as wise, 16 **making the most of every opportunity**, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. 18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

- **Parents are called to be revealers not condemners.** *(vs. 11-14; 1 John 1:5-7; Romans 13:11-14; Romans 8:1)*

"Revelation without condemnation will transform and restore your children.
In other words, if you are careful to square your life with God and His Word
and you love your children unconditionally then their lives will become aligned to Him…
this is parenting wisely!"

"Proximity Produces Transformation!"

"Get closer to God and get closer to your children."

WISE PARENTS…

1. **Recognize the defining moments and make the most of them.** *(vs. 15-16)*
2. **Are constantly seeking God's will for their lives.** *(vs. 17)*

"The wisest thing we could ever do is to seek the will of God for every situation." Smith

3. **Serve only one master and are filled with the Spirit of God.** *(vs. 18)*
4. **Lives are full of joyful worship and gratitude.** *(vs. 18-20; Nehemiah 8:10)*
5. **Are Humble and Love Jesus.** *(vs. 21)*

"You are what you love."
Timothy Keller