

“Dad’s and Donuts”
Judges 8:22-28; 11:29-35

Two Perplexing Judges

Gideon – Judges 8:22-28

Jephthah – Judges 11:29-35

Donuts!

What Is There Not To Like?

- Taste
- Filling
- Calories
- Comfort
- Easy / Finger food
- Quick
- Relational

What Is A Donut?

The donuts are all the potentially good things that, when misunderstood, misappropriated, and misjudged, can damage and even destroy us, our families and our relationship with God.

A Half-Dozen Donuts

Tempting Donuts for Dads

Comfort/Security – the things that protect and assure us

Pleasure – the things that make us feel good

Leisure – the things that let us relax

Work – the things that make us productive

Recognition – the things that get us attention

Control – the things that give us power

Before You Take A Bite

1. Not one of these things is bad.
2. Everyone of these things is a potential danger zone.
3. These things can become an end, rather than a means to an end.
4. These are common points at which we leverage our faith and our families.

Why Would You Do It?

- We believe we are above the temptation and seduction of the ‘donuts.’
- Our pursuit clouds our perception.
 - We do not see the unintended consequences.
 - The moment eclipses the magnitude of what we might be giving up.
- There will always be someone(s) who will push us to toward the abuse of a good thing.

Keeping The Good Things Good

Purpose

Priority

Proportion

Power (self-control)

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