

## 06.15.25 A Wise Father

**Title:** A Wise Father

**Scripture:** Proverbs 1 - 9

**Sermon Summary:** This sermon delves into the profound wisdom of Proverbs, focusing on the role of fathers in shaping the spiritual journey of their children. The central theme revolves around intentional parenting, emphasizing the critical responsibility fathers have in leading their children towards godly wisdom. We explore the idea that wise fathers not only instruct but also lay early groundwork, address natural tendencies, and help children understand the consequences of their choices. The power of storytelling emerges as a key tool in imparting wisdom, reminding us of the impact our personal narratives can have in guiding the next generation. As we reflect on this message, we're challenged to consider: How are we intentionally shaping the spiritual landscape for those who follow us? Are we telling stories that point to God's truth and grace? This exploration of fatherhood serves as a poignant reminder of our heavenly Father's perfect love and guidance, encouraging us all to seek His wisdom in our roles as spiritual leaders and mentors.

### Key Points:

- The wise father is intentional in instructing his children
- Laying the groundwork for future instruction begins early in a child's life
- Fathers must assume responsibility for leading their families
- Addressing natural dispositions and tendencies of young people is crucial
- Helping children understand that decisions have consequences
- Realizing the power of storytelling in imparting wisdom
- Understanding that the stakes are high in raising children

### Practical Applications:

1. Write down 3-5 key values or lessons you want to intentionally teach your children or young people in your life.
2. Choose a personal story that illustrates an important life lesson and practice sharing it.
3. If you're a father, identify one area where you can be more intentional in leading your family this week.
4. For non-fathers: Choose a way to encourage or support a father you know this week.
5. Reflect on your own father. Is there any grace you need to extend or gratitude you need to express?
6. Consider downloading the church app mentioned in the sermon to stay connected.
7. Commit to praying for the fathers in your life and community this week.
8. If you're struggling with fatherhood or your relationship with your father, reach out to a trusted friend or church leader for support and prayer.

### Calls to Action:

1. Thank a father: Acknowledge the challenging but vital role that fathers play, and express gratitude to those who have invested in us.
2. Extend grace to fathers: Recognize that no earthly father is perfect. Forgive past hurts and extend the same grace that our Heavenly Father extends to us.
3. Be a father: Whether through biological parenthood or spiritual mentorship, step into the role of guiding the next generation.
4. Seek the Father: Above all, turn to our perfect Heavenly Father, who stands ready to welcome us home with open arms.