

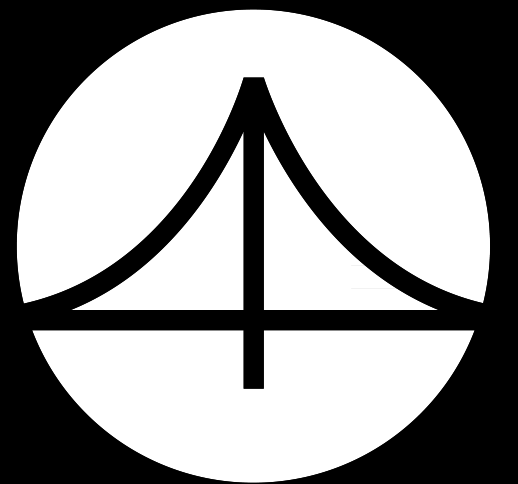
# David's Relationships: Solomon

1 Chronicles 22:1-16

Proverbs 4:3-6

2 Samuel 5:13

1 Kings 11:1-6



**Our work as parents sets our kids up for  
success or failure.**

- Teaches from Youth
- Helps Discern Calling
- Encourages
- Sets Up for Practical Success
- A Dangerous Example
- The Need for a Better Father

# Teaches From Youth

- David starts to teach Solomon how to live well when Solomon is young
- Key truth to teach: Knowing and obeying God leads to blessing
- The life you live speaks more to your kids about what's important than your words
- Biblical teaching: constantly finding new ways to present and reinforce material until it is learned

# Helps Discern Calling

- The difficulty of figuring out what to do with our lives in today's world makes parental involvement in the process essential
- How can you help your kid(s) recognize their skills, abilities, interests, strengths, and weaknesses?

# Encourages

- David believes in his son's ability to do his job well (and tells his son he believes in him)
- David reminds Solomon of God's blessings and promises

# Sets Up for Practical Success

- David provides Solomon with the resources he'll need to be successful in his task
- What resources will your kids need in order to be successful in life?
  - Not just money and education, but experiences, opportunities, and relationships too

# A Dangerous Example

- David's example of polygamy leads Solomon into polygamy
- Solomon's many wives pull him away from God
- No matter how much we do right as parents, we're also likely to do things that lead our kids down wrong paths

# Need for a Better Father

- The shortcomings of human parents are meant to point us to our need for a greater Parent (God)
- At their best, human parents point to God's goodness by giving us a taste of what He's like
- At their worst, the failures human parents remind us that we need a greater Father