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2 Samuel 13:21-22

“But when King David heard of all these things, he was very angry. And Absalom spoke to his brother Amnon neither good nor bad. For Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.” 2 Samuel 13: 21-22

Though a great warrior king, David struggled to be a good father. Though the sweet Psalmist of Israel”, his home life is completely out of order. Though a prophet with amazing revelation, he does not have the insight to care for his own children.

Ideas and principles may be taught to others, but character is developed through a consistency of discipline, training, and example. “If you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples.” (John 8:31 Amplified) It is never enough if we say we are going to be a Christian. It is not enough to hear the words of scripture, we must act upon them and we must live by them! It is no different with our children. They may hear our words, but we must spend time molding their character, knowing their hearts and directing their steps!

Within families, it is especially easy to make excuses for those we love rather than lovingly calling them to the standard of God’s Word. It is also very difficult to require of ourselves the discipline necessary to practice what the scriptures call us to live out. But be assured, a life lived by the precepts of God will always produce the desired and intended result. “... it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:11)

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