

Keep the Charge

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Strong relationships between father and son have gone on since the beginning of time. When you look through Scripture, you will find many strong relationships between father and son—for example, Abraham and Isaac, Jacob and Joseph, and the list goes on! God also put His blessings on each of those relationships.

However, one strong father and son relationship that comes to my mind is between David and Solomon. Their relationship was so beautiful, and also, it was an anointed relationship. God had His hands on both of them and on their relationship.

In the first chapter 1 Kings, we read of the declining health of King David and how turmoil was stirring with David's son Adonijah who wanted the kingdom for himself. However, God had the plan in place for Solomon to be king over Israel (1 Kings 2:15). As you read in chapter 2, David gives his final charge to his son Solomon concerning the kingdom, but most importantly, David led his son to the Lord and taught how a man of God is to be!

Here are some charges David gave Solomon:

- Walk in the ways of the Lord.
- Keep the Lord's statutes and commandments.
- Keep the Lord's judgments.
- Keep the Lord's testimonies.

David made it clear if Solomon keeps these charges, he would prosper! Next, God would keep His promise He made to Solomon all the days of his life! As you read further in chapter 2, Solomon is now upon the throne of David, his father, and his kingdom “was established greatly” (verse 2:12).

Solomon had such a good relationship with the Lord that the Lord asked Solomon, “what shall I give thee” (2 Chronicles 1:7 KJV).” Solomon asked for wisdom and knowledge (verse 10).

As I close on this Father's Day, it is important for fathers to have a good relationship with their sons and, most importantly, lead them to the Lord! Fathers, we have a charge to keep!

Happy Father's Day!