

Lesson Notes:

## **Walking in Our Father's Footsteps.**

### **2 Kings 21:19-22**

Norm Bower's Life Example – When Norm was a young father in Canada they kept a meat freezer in the barn out back. One winter morning Norm went out into the snow to retrieve a pound of bacon for breakfast. As he approached the barn he turned and saw each of his 5 young children trying to follow his footsteps out to the barn. Norm realized his children will follow his footsteps his entire life.

### **Scriptural Principles**

- 1) **If your children's walk in your footsteps will they come to know the Lord early in Life?** – In **John 14:6** Jesus says he is the way the truth and the life. What are the ways we can lead them to the Lord. We can impress upon them the need to recognize God early in their lives by our daily walk in with the Lord.
- 2) **Will your children learned the importance of Prayer in their Lives?** – In **Luke 11:9-13** Jesus encourages us to bring all things to God in prayer. Do they pray before meals and at bedtime?
- 3) **Will your children have a hunger for the word of God?** In **Luke 4:4** Jesus says that Man does not live by bread alone. In **Psalm 119:10-12** David hides the word of God in his heart so that he may not sin against God.
- 4) **Will your Children understand the necessity of Work?** – In **Genesis 3:19** and **Exodus 23:12** God ordains work.
- 5) **Will your children have the courage to speak and standup for Christ?** – Peter tells us in **1 Peter 3:15** tells us to always be prepared to give a reason for the hope that lies within you.
- 6) **Will your children faithfully serve in the local church?** – Moses tells the children of Israel in **Deuteronomy 31:11-13** that they are to gather together in the place of the Lord.
- 7) **Will your children treat their bodies as temples for the Holy Spirit?** Paul tells us in **1 Corinthians 6:19** that are bodies are temples for the Holy Spirit and we are not to defile them. Are your children involved in the Goth Culture?
- 8) **Will your children live and work in the power of the Holy Spirit?**  
Are they aware that as followers of Christ the Holy Spirit dwells within them and when called upon can do great wonders. Jesus told the disciples in **John 14:17** that he was sending the holy spirit to dwell within them as he departs.

**9) Do your children know the plan of Salvation?**

- a) **Step 1 – Recognize that you are a sinner** – In **Romans 3:23** Paul tells us that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of the Lord.
- b) **Step 2 – Abandon self effort and recognize that it is only through Grace that we are saved** – In **Romans 3:24** Paul tells us that it is through grace that we are saved. Paul tells Titus in **Titus 3:5** that we are saved not by our works but through the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. He repeats this advice to the Ephesians in **Ephesians 2:8-9**.
- c) **Step 3 - Believe in your heart that Christ has died for you, ask him to forgive your sins and come into your life** – Paul tells us that Christ has died for our sins in **Romans 5:8** and **Romans 10:9**. John tells us the same in **1 John 1:7**.
- d) **Step 4 – Accept him as your savior-** Paul tells the jailor in **Acts 16:31** to believe in Christ and he will be saved. Peter tells the church elders in **Acts 4:12** that if they believe in Christ Jesus they shall be saved. **Romans 10:10**