

FAMILY TIME 2 SAMUEL 13

Children?

David:

- Gets one idea
- Never gets another
- Almost gets another...

Simple ingredients:

I. Family love – the love of family!

2 Timothy 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. **2 Timothy 3:2** For men shall be lovers of their own selves (φιλαυτοι), covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, **2 Timothy 3:3** Without natural affection (ἄστοργοι), trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, **2 Timothy 3:4** Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; **2 Timothy 3:5** Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

Romans 1:31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection (ἀστόργους), implacable, unmerciful:

At the core, I'm sure that David got this.

Thoughts:

- **This is natural → even normal**
- **This can also be taught & learned**

Titus 2:3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; **Titus 2:4** **That** they may teach the young women to be sober, to love (φιλόνηδρους) their husbands, to love (φιλοτέκνουσ) their children, **Titus 2:5** To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home (οἰκουρούς), good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

- **This must not be confused with some sort of self-love**

Forms of enmeshment: if one feels bad then everyone feels bad!

- **It is the love of a parent for their child**
- **It is the love of a parent for their child as their child**
- **Not in place of one's own meaning, purpose or life**
- **Certainly not as a substitute for a life / living!**

2 Samuel 13:30 And it came to pass, while they were in the way, that tidings came to David, saying, Absalom hath slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left. **2 Samuel 13:31** Then the king arose, and tare his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes rent.

2 Samuel 13:37 But Absalom fled, and went to Talmi, the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son every day. **2 Samuel 13:38** So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there three years. **2 Samuel 13:39** And the soul of king David longed to go forth unto Absalom: for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead.

2 Samuel 14:1 Now Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart was toward Absalom.

2 Samuel 14:33 So Joab came to the king, and told him: and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king: and the king kissed Absalom.

- **Love for a child in & through the stages of childhood**

II. Common sense

The only thing common about common sense is that it's not very common!

Job 28:28 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; And to depart from evil is understanding.

Psalm 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: **A good understanding have all they that do his commandments:** His praise endureth for ever.

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: **But fools despise wisdom and instruction.**

Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: And the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

David struggled here:

- **He had it as a**
- **12:1-6 He had it when Nathan told him of the two men & a**

- **13:6-7 He didn't ask: Why do you want Tamar to cook your food?**

- **13:23-27 He didn't get why Absalom wanted Amnon to accompany him**

- **13:30-36 He didn't get it with who was dead**

- **14:28-30 He wasn't perceptive about Absalom's anger → though he was known for his wisdom 14:16-17**

- **15:7-7 He was clueless later with Absalom**

Common sense:

- **Common sense is first of all sense → things make sense, your decisions make sense**
- **It is common in that it is commonly available**

It is not for the elite alone!

- **It begins with the proper fear of God**
- **It consists of the Word of God**

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. **Ecclesiastes 12:14** For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Deuteronomy 4:5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. **Deuteronomy 4:6** Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. **Deuteronomy 4:7** For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for? **Deuteronomy 4:8** And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

- **It is found in & with the people of God**

Proverbs 13:20 He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: But a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

What might this be?

- **It is clarified & solidified at the throne of grace**

James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

III. Basic acts & activities

1 Kings 1:5 Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. **1 Kings 1:6** And his father had **not** displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was a very goodly man; and his mother bare him after Absalom.

This would include...