

A FATHER'S PRAYER

I Chronicles 29:19

**There is much that we can learn from listening in on
David's prayer for Solomon in I Chronicles 29:19**

"Lord, let my child ..."

I. HAVE A HEART FOR GOD

- Give my son a perfect heart!

A. THE REALIZATION

- We are totally dependent upon God to do this heart work

B. THE CONDITIONS

1. Devotion: An undivided heart
 - a. A heart that does not stray from God
 - b. See Deuteronomy 6:5 and Matthew 22:34-38
2. Determination: A willing mind - **I Chron. 28:9a**
 - a. Ready to think
 - b. Ready to serve
 - c. Ready to surrender

C. THE EVALUATION - I Chron. 28:9b

1. The Lord examines hearts
2. The Lord reads minds: Understanding every intent of the thoughts
 - See I Corinthians 4:5

D. SOME APPLICATIONS

1. Earnestly pray that you child will let God save and change them
2. Personally demonstrate love, service and worship
3. Ask your child: "What do you think God sees in your heart?"

“Lord, help my child ...”

II. **EMBRACE THE TRUTHS OF GOD**

- Keeping God’s commands

A. THE TRUTHS

1. God’s Commandments > See **I Chron. 28:2-3, 6**
2. God’s Testimonies > See **I Chron. 28:9c**
3. God’s Statutes > EngravedThe law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; (Ps. 19:7 ESV) instructions like The Ten Commandments

B. THE TRAITS

1. The Right Attitude: “Keep”
 - a. To carefully guard the truth from error, dilution or misrepresentation
 - b. See Heb. 2:1
2. The Right Actions: “Do them all”
 - a. An evident and demonstrated obedience to every detail of God’s directives
 - b. Remember that David had witnessed King Saul’s demise due to his incomplete obedience in I Sam. 15:3, 9, 13-15 and 22:23

C. THE TASK: Application

1. Teach your child the value of God’s Word and the virtue in obeying it
2. Pay attention to your child’s “minor” deviations from God and point them out before they become more serious infractions
3. Read, review and remember Psalm 19:7-11

“Lord, encourage my child to ...”

III. **DO THE WORK OF GOD**

- Build the temple

A. GOD’S PLAN

1. Information
 - David prayed that Solomon would do God’s revealed will - **I Chron. 29:19c**
2. Inspiration - **I Chron. 28:10**
 - a. “Consider now” > Know that God has something special for you to do
 - b. “Be courageous and act” > David is Solomon’s cheerleader

B. DAVID’S PROVISION - **I Chron. 29:2-4**

1. Assistance: David had done all he could to provide a means for his son to carry out God’s mandate
2. Sacrifice: David personally provided much in the way of resources for what Solomon would accomplish

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C. A DAD'S PASSION: Application

1. In a society filled with selfish indulgence and worldly ambitions ... pray and cheer on your child as they do God's work
2. Be ready and willing to encourage them to consider full-time Christian ministry
 - The need is great for pastors and missionaries
3. Exp: Hannah's commitment for Samuel in I Sam. 1:11

CONCLUSION:

Consider these questions from David (a dad's) prayer:

1. Dear dad, are you patterning?
 - Are you setting an unhypocritical example of a heart for God, obedience to His Word and involvement in His work?
2. Dear dad, are you praying?
 - Are you asking God to give your children a heart for God, obedience to His Word and involvement in His work?
3. Dear dad, are you persevering?
 - If your child is not what they should be will you keep providing the right example and praying for them to change?
 - James 5:16b reminds us that "the effective prayer of a righteous man accomplishes much."
4. Dear dad, are you praising?
 - Are you giving God the glory if He has allowed your children to be godly?

May God bless the fathers who pray like David in I Chronicles 29:19

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