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“Lessons from a Flawed Father”

**“When I was a son with my father, tender, the only one in the sight of my mother, he taught me and said to me, ‘Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live.’”
(Proverbs 4:3-4)**

(1) Don’t Ignore Death

1 Kings 2:1-2(a) – (1) “When David’s time to die drew near, he commanded Solomon his son, saying, (2) ‘I am about to go the way of all the earth...’”

(2) Real Men Obey God

1 Kings 2:2(b)-4 – (2) “...Be strong, and show yourself a man, (3) and keep the charge of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his rules, and his testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn, (4) that the LORD may establish his word that he spoke concerning me, saying, ‘If your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me in faithfulness with all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.’”

(3) Learn from My Mistakes

1 Kings 2:5-6 – (5) “Moreover, you also know what Joab the son of Zeruah did to me, how he dealt with the two commanders of the armies of Israel, Abner the son of Ner, and Amasa the son of Jether, whom he killed, avenging in time of peace for blood that had been shed in war, and putting the blood of war on the belt around his waist and on the sandals on his feet. (6) Act therefore according to your wisdom, but do not let his gray head go down to Sheol in peace.”

(4) Maintain Good Company

1 Kings 2:7 – “But deal loyally with the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be among those who eat at your table, for with such loyalty they met me when I fled from Absalom your brother.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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