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“Resourcing”

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” (James 1:17)

The Father’s Heart

Proverbs 4:1-4 – (1) “Hear, O sons, a father’s instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight, (2) for I give you good precepts; do not forsake my teaching. (3) When I was a son with my father, tender, the only one in the sight of my mother, (4) he taught me and said to me, ‘Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live.’”

Luke 11:11-13 – (11) “What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; (12) or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? (13) If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The Father’s Hurt

2 Samuel 18:31-33 – (31) “And behold, the Cushite came, and the Cushite said, ‘Good news for my lord the king! For the LORD has delivered you this day from the hand of all who rose up against you.’ (32) The king said to the Cushite, ‘Is it well with the young man Absalom?’ And the Cushite answered, ‘May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up against you for evil be like that young man.’ (33) And the king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept. And as he went, he said, ‘O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!’”

Ecclesiastes 2:18-21 – (18) “I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, (19) and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. (20) So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, (21) because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.”

Help the Guy Out

1 Kings 3:8-9 – (8) “And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. (9) Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?”

James 1:5 – “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.”

Proverbs 31:10-12, 23, 31 – (10) “An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. (11) The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. (12) She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. (23) Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land. (31) Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.”

Psalms 127:3-5 – (3) “Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. (4) Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one’s youth. (5) Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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