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**Open:** Father's Day Moment – Show – Godtube: The Skit Guys – “A Father's Glory”

**Read :** 1 Thessalonians 2:7-12

- Letter by Paul to describe the pure motives of their ministry to the Thessalonian church. Image of church leader // to image of father and mother care for child.
- Two Families - church and biological. All have something to learn
- <sup>11</sup>For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children,<sup>12</sup>encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

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### Principles of Godly Care

#### 1. Cherish your family greatly (vs. 7)

- “gentle care” = to place high value on
- Nursing mother
- Problem: power hungriness/assertiveness of society today = little room for gentleness
- But God is big one gentleness – fruit of spirit...and
- **Romans 5:8** – *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

- **Psalm 91:4** - Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust. Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. 4 He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
- **We need to place high value on the things that God cares about. We spend to spend the time on the things we care about.**
- **Skit Guys – reframing manpedi and the singing fish = today you may get gifts you would rather not, but apply gentleness to every situatuon**
- **Fathers, grandfathers care for your children**
  - i. **Show family circus clip** – care about what they care about.
  - ii. Show your children gentleness - uncommon

#### 2. Love your family deeply (vs.8a)

- **“affectionate longing” - Picture definition**
- – nursing term – masculine but tender
- **As a father longs for His children**
- **Isaiah 30:18** - Yet the LORD **longs** to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a **God** of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

- **James 4:5** - (Separate from world) Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us<sup>(b)</sup>?
- **This is the kind of Father we have - never resisting us.**
- **this is the kind of people we are to be to others**

### 3. **Invest** into your family personally (vs. 8b-12)

- **“impart” = “invest, internship”, training or apprentice**
  - i. **Sharing the Gospel – church/home, share every opportunity**
  - ii. **Sharing our Lives – open/honest, share ourselves, labour = show how to be godly**
  - iii. **Leave a legacy**

Close

**Illustration – Leave a Legacy Epcot Centre**  
 Disney World, Fla. – 550,000 tiles  
 pics/thoughts people between 1999-2007 =  
 to commemorate their visit to Epcot

The legacy God has given us is far more valuable

In both families - church and biological,  
 Practice gentle care  
 Attitude that loves deeply  
 Invest in the training of others