

I. Tow rope

A. Motivation (pull me)

Prov 23:22; Matt 1:1-7;
I Cor 4:15; I Tim 1:1-2;
II Cor 12:14-15a; I Tim 5:8;
Matt 6:31-33; 7:11;
James 1:17; Neh 4:12-14;
Ps 103:13; I Tim 1:18;
II Tim 2:1; I Cor 13:4-8a

B. Mission (point me)

Joshua 24:15;
John 17:3, 8, 18, 23, 25;
Ex 34:6-7; I Kings 13:14;
Eph 6:1-2; Josh 7:1ff;
Num 16:31ff

II. Tool box

A. Modeling (show me)

I Kings 22:53;
II Kings 15:3, 34;
John 5:19-21; 10:37;
Luke 6:36

B. Molding (grow me)

Eph 6:4; Heb 12:7-11;
I King 1:6;
Prov 13:24; 19:18; 22:15;
Prov 23:13-14; 29:17

III. Tie line

A. Mentoring (coach me)

II Tim 2:2; I King 2:1-2;
Gen 27:27-29, 39-40;
Gen 45:8; 49:1-27;
I John 2:13-14;
II Kings 2:11-12

B. A message (catapult me)

Ps 127:3-5; II Cor 3:2-3;
John 1:18; 3:16; 14:9b;
John 3:16; II Cor 5:18-20

¹⁶ Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. ¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

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June 18, 2006

1. Do anything special for Father’s day? Care to share? (Did anyone in the group get a copy of the Father’s day DVD? If so, did you watch it yet?)
2. In what ways is a father’s function like a tow rope? Can you give any Scripture that illustrates that? (Do you have any “tow rope” stories?)
3. If a father’s direction and speed set our initial “mission” in life, what are some of the possibilities for that? What would you say the mission you inherited from your father was? If you are a parent, what mission have you given to your children?
4. What can be done if the mission you inherited from your father is not the mission to which God has called you?
5. How do a father’s gifts to his children look like a tool box? What specific “tools” did your father teach you to use (skills, abilities, wisdom, etc.)? Can you think of some that you didn’t learn from your parents and had to learn “the hard way”? Care to share about those lessons?
6. How does a father’s job change as his children grow older? What might that look like?
7. How are children like arrows and letters (Ps. 127, II Cor. 3:2-3)?
8. Explain: A father’s best gifts to the world are his children. How is that truth wrapped into the good news? What does it say about us, God’s children?
9. Why is our relationship with our earthly father so important in connection with our relationship with God? Are there some “corrections in thinking” that you have had to make about Who God is based on a faulty image based on your earthly father? Can you share about them?

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