

WHAT YOUR DAD SHOULD SAY?

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BIG IDEA: A mature Spiritual Dad's perspective and counsel.

...When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise. ¹³ ... but will confine our boasting to the sphere of service God himself has assigned to us, a sphere that also includes you... ¹⁵ ...as your faith continues to grow, our sphere of activity among you will greatly expand, ¹⁷ "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord." ¹⁸ For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends.

We are COMMENDED BY GOD.

^{11:2} I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him. ³ But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. ⁴ For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.

We feel RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM.

⁵ I do not think I am in the least inferior to those "super-apostles." ⁷ ... preaching the gospel of God to you free of charge? ... kept myself from being a burden to you... and will continue to do so. ¹⁰ As surely as the truth of Christ is in me, nobody in the regions of Achaia will stop this boasting of mine. ¹¹ Why? Because I do not love you? God knows I do!

NOT A BURDEN TO THEM.

¹² ...to cut the ground from under those who want an opportunity to be considered equal with us in the things they boast about. ¹³ For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. ¹⁵ It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

We EXPOSES FALSEHOOD *for what it is.*

1. Be faithful to the _____ God gave you.

"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

Matthew 25:23

Write down the spheres/assignments God has given you.

2. Who/What _____?

If something hits the pause button on your devotion to Jesus, it should alarm you.

Could it be a different Jesus?

Could it be a different Spirit?

Could it be a different Gospel?

"You don't love me or each other as you did at first! Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first." **Revelation 2:4-5 NLT**

RE-UP your commitment to X.

3. Mind your _____.

"that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive." **Titus 2:9-10**

Walk it back. Apologize. Humble yourself.

4. What is _____ as good but is actually toxic.

"Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord! This shall never happen to you!" Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." **Matthew 16:22-23**