



LOOKING UP!

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A father sat down for breakfast one morning. When he looked across the table, he was surprised that both his daughters had seemed to have grown overnight. Emotion caught him, and he began to apologize for missing so much time with the family lately.

Rationalizing, he said, "The quantity of time we spend together is not always as important as the quality of time we spend together." The father continued to explain, "Quantity means how much time we spend together, and quality means how good the time is that we have spent together. Which would you prefer?"

As kids often do, the youngest daughter, just four years old, spoke wisdom beyond her years when she said, "Quality time and lots of it!"

Father's Day reminds many parents of the high opportunities and challenges as they lead their families. In Psalms 127, Solomon teaches that children are a blessing from the Lord.

Look up from your table or look across the Family Center to see our kids are growing up so fast. Some may be your biological children, and some can be kids you get to influence spiritually. Either way, time goes quickly. The world rushes them into sin and confusion.

When the question is asked, "Which would you prefer, Quantity or Quality?" some kids may not have the vocabulary to say it, but I bet we can hear the echoes in our own life; Quality time and lots of it!

The reminder that children are a blessing, in Psalm 127, is actually a song of worship. Let your involvement with kids be an act of worship to the Father.

SERMON NOTES

His Time To Shine

June 20



Who is admirable?

- ◇ Tele _____
- ◇ Tele _____
- ◇ Tele _____

Admirable is a _____, not a _____ or _____

- ◇
- ◇
- ◇

Admirable people will _____ and _____

- ◇
- ◇

Admirable =

- ◇ _____ is less than _____
- ◇ _____ is less than _____

Next Week:

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JOHN 1:14

EXCELLENT

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PERSONAL STUDY

It is rewarding to invest time each day in God's Word.

Mo Philippians 4:8

Monitor your thoughts this week. Do you spend time reacting to things that don't go your way? Do your thoughts, actions, and words reflect a heart that seeks what is admirable, repeatable, and godly?

Tu Ephesians 2:8-9

What are your top five accomplishments? Let this verse remind you of the surpassing great gift of God's grace that is unmerited and undeserved.

We 2 Corinthians 12:9

Take time today to list a few weaknesses in your life and character. Note how God has worked in and around you to turn certain situations into powerful statements for Christ.

Th Philippians 4:11-13

Are you content? Are you satisfied with the lifestyle God has blessed you with, or do you find your desire and attention is given to things, titles, and accolades?

Fr Psalm 19:14

Repeat this verse several times today. Let this verse remind you to pay attention to your thoughts and words. Even if no one is around, is God pleased with your thoughts and actions?

Sa 1 Corinthians 6:12

Many will never know if they could win an Olympic medal because they never get off the couch on a free Saturday. What is keeping you from a winning relationship with God?

STUDY & DISCUSS

- Read Philippians 4:8. How do you define admirable? How is this word unlike any of the other words in this verse?
- Hebrews 11:1 teaches what faith is. Share one personal example of a time when you took a step of faith. Share one personal example of a time when you took a step of fear.
- 1 John 3:18 shows us how to live in positive action. How would this lifestyle create an admirable legacy?
- If we are not doing the good that we should, we are probably engaged in the bad that we shouldn't partake in. 1 Thessalonians 5:22 challenges us to put away all forms of evil. Colossians 3:8 describes anger, wrath, malice, and obscene talk as specific things to get rid of. Describe one thing you will root out of your life?
- Proverbs 12:4 speaks of a wife who is admirable and one who brings destruction. Create a character sketch of each woman. What are the actions and thoughts that will make one admirable and the other shameful?
- Psalm 16:11 declares there is joy and pleasure while in the presence of God. Proverbs 16:3 challenges us to make our plans His plans. Knowing the good that comes with following and obeying God, why do we sometimes make choices that are less than admirable and good?
- Who do find admirable? Tell their story.