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A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a large, translucent, soapy bubble. The bubble is filled with light, giving it a glowing appearance. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

Cleansed from the Inside

James 4:8

Draw near to God, and he will draw
near to you. Cleanse your hands,
you sinners, and purify your hearts,
you double-minded.

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YOUR LAST WORDS: IMPACTING YOUR CHILDREN FOR A LIFETIME

SCRIPTURE: 1 KINGS 2:1-4, JAMES 4:8

“As the time approached for David to die, he ordered his son Solomon, 2 “As for me, I am going the way of all of the earth. Be strong and be a man, 3 and keep your obligation to the Lord your God to walk in his ways and to keep his statutes, commands, ordinances, and decrees. This is written in the law of Moses, so that you will have success in everything you do and wherever you turn, 4 and so that the Lord will fulfill his promise that he made to me: ‘If your sons guard their way to walk faithfully before me with all their heart and all their soul, you will never fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.’” — 1 Kings 2:1-4

No one wants to think about death, but the reality is that it is going to happen to all of us unless the Lord Jesus returns first. No one knows how they will die, whether suddenly or after some prolonged illness. In the passage above, we see King David on his deathbed. In his old age, he has become bedridden and summoned his son Solomon who is to take his place on the throne once David passes on. These four verses are David’s final words and instructions to his son. Let’s look at a few of the instructions he gave to Solomon.

1. Be strong and be a man. As dads, we want to have children who are strong and can take care of themselves. We want to push our children into their adult years with the tools necessary to succeed. David was no different. He knew the pressure that came with being king. He knew that Solomon would need to be firm in his resolve to rule wisely and well.

2. Keep your obligation to the Lord. David also knew that Solomon could not be the king he needed to be if he neglected the Lord. Our children need to be reminded of their relationship to the Lord and the importance of it. As dads, we are the pastors of our home. Even when we are old, and our children are adults, we can still impart Godly wisdom and leadership into their lives, especially in the area of spiritual growth.

3. A promise of success in everything you do. Keep in mind this is a promise that God gave to King David that is fulfilled through the life of Solomon so we can't interpret it to mean that we will have the same success as Solomon did. However, we know throughout scripture that the most blessed place to be is close to the Father's heart. We can be confident in telling our children that the closer their relationship is to God, the more of his blessings they will receive. James 4:8 tells us, "Draw near to God and he will draw near to you."

It's my hope that I will have the opportunity to preach and lead these and other principles to my kids while they are still in my home, when they move on to college, to their adult lives, and by God's grace until he calls me home. Let's be dads who live out and lead with these last words of David.

QUESTION 1: What would your children say is the most important thing you ever taught them? Would it Glorify God?

QUESTION 2: Would they find it valuable enough to teach it to their children?

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CHALLENGE

Take into consideration the last words that David spoke to Solomon on his deathbed. Speak, support and similarly lead your children. Most importantly, remind them of the importance of following someone higher than you: Jesus Christ.

CONGRATULATIONS...NOW WHAT?

So you've finished the Uncommen Dad Devotional and by now you are probably high-fiving, passing out some fist bumps and feeling pretty good about yourself. We are right there with you in celebrating your commitment in becoming an Uncommen Dad. Are you ready for the next level?

APPLICATION

Reading inspirational content is one thing, but applying that concept is another. We'd like you to take all of the lessons you've learned during your time in this devotional and make a list of what you are going to do to apply some of these principals to your life.

GROWTH

Have you been inviting people to your group? I challenge you to invite one man who you think would benefit from being part of this group to your next meeting. Get out in the community as a group and start to invest into people where they need you the most.

SUPPORT

Do you enjoy and believe in what Uncommen is doing? We'd like to ask everyone in your group to prayerfully consider committing to signing up for a small on-going donation (no amount is too small), that would help us reach more men around the world.

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