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Bible text: [Proverbs 24:3-4](#), [Matthew 7:24-27](#)

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- Wisdom
- Understanding
- Knowledge

When we build with these 3 materials, we achieve **fulfillment**

[Matthew 7:24-27](#)

In this story, Jesus gives us an overview of

- 2 builders
- 2 houses
- 2 foundations
- 2 storms

Building is not an easy task. It is time-consuming – so is being a **good father**.

Faith
Availability
Teaching
Husband
Encouragement
Reputation

Faith

A. Saving faith

B. Secure faith

Availability

Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. [Ephesians 5:16](#)

Love isn't something you buy; your kids spell love T-I-M-E, and it costs more than M-O-N-E-Y. (Dr. James Dobson)

In order to raise our children, it takes 2 types of time:

1. Quality time
 2. Quantity time
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Teaching

One of the greatest building materials a dad can read is: the book of Proverbs

A. The negatives

A couple of areas of Solomon's instructions:

1. Avoid bad company (Read [Proverbs 1:8-10](#), [Proverbs 1:15](#), [Proverbs 13:20](#))
2. Abandon lust (Read [Proverbs 5:1-8](#))

B. The positives

1. Teach them how to do godly things
2. Teach them how to pray and show them how to pray
3. Teach them to win souls
4. Teach them at the family altar
5. Teach them to make Jesus the priority of their life
6. Teach them the fruit of the Spirit

Husband

One of the greatest things you can do to be a great father: be a great **husband**

Encouragement

"A merry heart doth good like a medicine." [Proverbs 17:22](#)

We love our children in tangible ways:

1. By what we **say** and how we say it
2. By what we **do**
3. By how we **hug**

Reputation

Be a man of **integrity**. Be real.

Read [2 Peter 3:14](#)

Dads, your influence in your children is **stronger** than the influence of

- their Sunday school teacher
- their Youth pastor
- their Pastor

Kids, your parents can lead you to freedom and security. But you have to **follow**.

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