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Book Review



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Imagine fathers being pillars of blessings in their children's lives by applying positive principles of parenting from the book of Proverbs. Today, deadbeat dads and absentee fathers are constantly blamed for all that has gone wrong in our fallen and spiritually-bankrupted society. As a result, the call of fathers, with all the challenges of these times, to be spiritual leaders in their homes cannot be underestimated. Yet, in this parenting book, author Jene Ecton's intent is to offer hope for fathers in fulfilling their God-given role to be the best parents they can be in their children's lives (Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 6:1-4). He skillfully does this by sharing timeless wisdom-nuggets of gold from the book of Proverbs. In this compact book, Ecton points out the significant role fathers have in supplying their children's deepest needs: security and emotional well-being found only in following Christ. This reality Ecton has come to know firsthand, as he candidly shares from his own life experiences. Ecton admits his imperfections. However, he has discovered that total dependence on God is the sure way to reap the best outcome for his children. Likewise, recognizing the responsibility that God has placed on parents (Deuteronomy 6:1-9), the author challenges fathers to rise to the occasion. Ecton insists that this is the only way to pass down a lasting legacy of faith to the next generation.

Furthermore, this easy-to-read book is user friendly and highly engaging for a variety of audiences. For example, it is a great book for pastors, parents, teachers, children, and people of all ages. The book covers topics that can be used for Bible study groups or for personal spiritual development. Though designed to be a devotional, it can be read anytime. Amazingly, it is written like a theological narrative. Coupled with this, the author shows a depth of Scripture knowledge in his use of descriptive illustrations explaining the relationship King Solomon had with his father King David. Another special feature of the book is the prayer which fathers can dedicate to God at the end of each chapter. The three to four page chapters discuss topics like providing guidance, protection, love, teaching children to honor God in obedience, forgiveness, shepherd children, planting seeds of faith in children's hearts, teaching children to respect authority, and much more. Fathers can gain encouragement from dealing with stress and feelings of inadequacy too.

As a result, this book is given a ten out of ten because it offers fathers various ways to apply the book of Proverbs in everyday life. The author explains this step-by-step,

in a warm and comforting way. The author shares common-sense strategies that he has applied to his own life too. He mentions other relevant scripture references to support his understanding of this too. Indeed, Jene Ecton has proved his point. The wisdom principles of God that He inspired King Solomon write in the book of Proverbs will guide, refresh, and encourage readers. Thus, this book will inspire anyone concerned about teaching children. This book will especially benefit fathers in fulfilling their task with joy, peace, confidence, and success that will bring honor to God. It is a keepsake for anyone's library. One can refer back to it again and again. However, the only drawback to the book is that there is very little information provided about the author.

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