

Intro:

Main Point of Text: David sinfully didn't act like a father or a king toward one of his sons who tried to take his kingdom.

Sermon Point: *Do your job.*

Move 1: *Don't serve yourself.*

- LC: “an inordinate seeking of themselves, their own glory, ease, profit, or pleasure”: Starts w/ heart:
 - *For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.* (Philippians 2:21)
 - *How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?* (John 5:44). Notice, self-worship precludes worshipping God/salvation.
 - *He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.* (John 7:18). Jesus warned brethren.
 - Unlike Isa. 56:10-11. Shepherds like greedy, sleeping dogs. Poor watchman, self-indulged.
- LC: “commanding things unlawful, or not in the power of inferiors to perform”: Dan. 3:4-6, Nebuchadnezzar commanded to worship golden image. Acts 4:17-18, Jews commanded not to teach in name of Jesus. Exodus 5: Pharaoh commanded impossible task of Jews.

Move 2: *Don't esteem evil in those under your lead.*

LC: “counselling, encouraging, or favouring them in that which is evil”: Herod's wife told daughter to get J. Baptist's head (Mark 6:24); Absalom took law in own hands regarding brother Amnon's sin (2 Sam. 13:28). Eli didn't stop sons (1 Sam. 3:13).

Move 3: *Don't deter those under you from doing good.*

- LC: “dissuading, discouraging, or discountenancing them in that which is good”:
 - READ John 7:45-49.
 - *Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.* (Col. 3:21)
 - Ex. 5:21: “Ye are idle, ye are idle” Pharaoh accused when it wasn't true at all. Not always idle.
- LC: “correcting them unduly”: Deut. 25:3: Don't apply excessive punishment that doesn't fit the crime, or be resented as unjust. Does not encourage reformation/revival.
- LC: “careless exposing, or leaving them to wrong, temptation, and danger”: Gen 38:11-26: Judah ignores Tamar's right, leading to prostitution.
- LC: “provoking them to wrath”: *And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.* (Eph 6:4). Provoke to wrath = lack of spiritual discipline/training.

Move 4: Don't be slow in supervision.

- LC: “the neglect of the duties required of them”: READ Ezek 34:2-4, 8, 22-31. Similar to Jeremiah 23:1ff. What kind of shepherds don't feed sheep? Ones who feed wickedness: Vss. 10-11, 13-26.
- LC: “any way dishonouring themselves, or lessening their authority, by an unjust, indiscreet, rigorous, or remiss behaviour”. Remiss is slow in doing duty, negligent, careless. Sluggish leadership:
 - Gen. 9:21: Noah drunk/naked;
 - 1 Kings 12:13-16: Rehoboam didn't heed seniors' advice to show clemency;
 - 1 Sam. 2:29-31: Eli honored sons above God by not dealing with them; so God disowned/destroyed them all;
 - 1 Kings 1:6: David delayed doing his job as father and king in publicly setting up Solomon as heir. Avoided dealing with Adonijah making himself king. Finally dealt with after Bathsheba persuades. Damage done: His kingdom handed over in disorder/dishonor. And his son Adonijah ends up dead. Terrible legacy at end of his life for avoiding to do his duty.

Conclusion:

Do your job.