The Father's Will and Testament

2nd Chronicles 33: 1-17

A Will and Testament exists to aim our life's work in a certain direction after we are gone, but it must be done while we are still in a place to declare our will and testament.

- 1. The Father when becoming a Father does not get issued a Red Cape at the Birth of his child.
- 2. The Father does definitely play a big part in the Will and Direction of our Children.

The Dads Tools for Life:

- Equip them for living life
- Equip them for dying
- Equip them for walking, to know God and love God and know how to love people as well.
- Equip them for winning
- Equip them for losing
- Equip them for the ups and downs of life
- Equip them with the knowledge as to how to treat a lady
- Equip them as to pass all their abilities down to their children

What our children really need is a Savior!

God makes promises to the children of a Father in Exodus 20: 3,4, 5, 6

But Let's examine a prime example as to how God made very clear just what a father can do in the life of the next Generation:

Israel had 19 kings after Solomon and Judah had 19 Kings after Solomon as well.

2nd Chronicles 26: 1-5 Uzziah – Even Isaiah. Was moved by this man.

2nd Chronicles 27: 1- Jotham Personal service but did not???

2nd Chronicles 28: 1 Ahaz

2nd Chronicles 29: 1 Hezzekiah

2nd Chronicles 33 Amon

2nd Chronicles 34: 1- 15, 16, 19

The reason for starting here with Uzziah and looking at this: 6 out of 19 Kings lead up to a revival

- Uzziah (Chapter 26) even impressed Isaiah. But still did not bring revival.
- **Jotham** (Chapter 27) He was a good King (vs 1, 2). But went not into the temple of God... but the people did yet corruptly
- Ahaz (Chapter 28: 1) He did not that which was right with the Lord, therefore his children were sacrificed in the fire after the abomination of the heathens (vs 3).
- **Hezzekiah** (Chapter 29) He did right from the first day of the first year his reign, He opened the doors of the house of the LORD and repaired it, and He confessed to the sins of the fathers and he knew that this was the reason God was judging Israel (vs 8). <u>But still no revival of the nation</u>.
- Manasseh (Chapter 33) did evil and He was afflicted and he besought God and took away the strange gods and cast them outside the city. He repaired the altar and sacrificed peace offerings and thank offerings and commanded Israel to serve the Lord, Nevertheless the people sacrificed in the high places yet unto the LORD their God (vs 17).
- Amon reigned only 2 years and humbled not himself before the LORD, and his own people killed him.
- **Josiah** was 8 years old when he began to reign and by 18 he was having the Temple repaired. They found the Word of God and as they read it he wept. He broke down the high places and brought back Temple worship and he had the idols beaten to powder (vs 7).

- 1. Went back to church
- 2. Removed the high places of worship
- 3. Destroyed the idols
- 4. Restored the authority of God's Word

His will and Testament left Revival and even now, we know who he was!

What did we learn?

- 1. The man of God personally yields Himself to God before he can help anyone else.
- 2. The House of God is vital to the future success of our connection to God and others.
- 3. God's Word is a key component that changes all our directions.
- 4. The High places of worship do not substitute for God's House.
- 5. We need to completely destroy the idols in our lives; just putting them in the closet is not enough.

Our Will and Testament is really like being the Superman in their lives if we find the place to change our own personal direction.