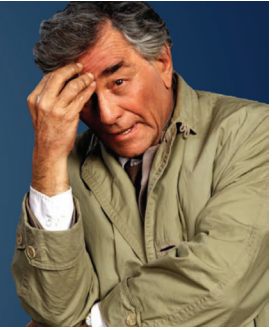


# JUST ONE MORE THING FATHERS



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**For the LORD grants wisdom!"** Proverbs 2:1-6 (NLT)

## Our children need wisdom; What's my contribution?

### What wisdom do I have to say?

Three responses:

1. Minimized Response – "I have nothing to say"
2. Mistaken Response – "My opinion is right"
3. Gospel Response – "As God has taught me, I will teach you."

### Faith @ Home Conversation:

What has God taught you about: *(let the kids pick one)*

- Finances
- Disappointments
- Sexual purity
- Failures
- Decision making

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1. Share a story about some wisdom you received from your Father (or grand-father, etc.) that really impacted your life.
2. We have a tendency to glorify people as “all good” or “all bad” when in reality, we are all a combination of both. What do you remember about the first time you saw your dad as a person who was not perfect?
  - a. How did you feel?
  - b. How do you feel about it now?
3. Why do you think we resist talking to our children about the hard lessons we have learned in life (those learned from failure & disappointment)?
4. Sometimes we minimize the lessons we have learned and do not let God move as strongly as He would like in our lives. How can we work on really learning what God is teaching and making sure we pass this on to others?
5. The writer of Prov. 2:1 shows confidence that his advice is worth listening to. Do your children sense that same confidence from you? Why / Why not?
  - a. What are some things you could do to be more confident in the wisdom you have for your children?
6. Prov. 14:12 tells us that often what ‘seems’ right to us does not end well. What are some things that help us know the difference between human wisdom and God’s wisdom?
7. How has the gospel shaped your understanding of wisdom and passing on good advice and traditions to your children?