

**Title:** Beware of delicacies  
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**Healthy fathering:**

- Goal: wholeness and independence
- Doesn't need your allegiance
- Freedom to fail
- Discipline quick and hard
- Points to The Good Shepherd
- Teaches principles, NOT application

**Proverbs 23:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> When you sit down to eat with a ruler, consider carefully what is before you; <sup>2</sup> and put a knife to your throat if you are a man given to appetite. <sup>3</sup> Do not desire his delicacies, for they are deceptive food.

**Wrong fathering:**

- Goal: cloning and dependence
- Needs your allegiance
- Failure: subtle rejection
- Discipline: withholding rewards
- Rules to 'keep you safe'
- Applies principles for you

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**Romans 8:15**

<sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

**II Samuel 15:2-6**

<sup>2</sup> Now Absalom would rise early and stand beside the way to the gate. So it was, whenever anyone who had a lawsuit came to the king for a decision, that Absalom would call to him and say, "What city are you from?" And he would say, "Your servant is from such and such a tribe of Israel." <sup>3</sup> Then Absalom would say to him, "Look, your case is good and right; but there is no deputy of the king to hear you." <sup>4</sup> Moreover Absalom would say, "Oh, that I were made judge in the land, and everyone who has any suit or cause would come to me; then I would give him justice." <sup>5</sup> And so it was, whenever anyone came near to bow down to him, that he would put out his hand and take him and kiss him. <sup>6</sup> In this manner Absalom acted toward all Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.