

## WANTED: SPIRITUAL FATHERS & MOTHERS

*Proverbs 7:1-27*

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**Introduction:** There is a concerted effort in our culture to separate parents from children emotionally and spiritually. At the same time, there's an effort to separate kids from the faith that was provided to them in their growing up years. Some of these efforts are very intentional. Other tactics are simply the by-product of a culture that sees children as consumers in digital spaces. The Bible, of all books in world literature, suggests that the ideal place for children to be rooted and grounded in truth is the family. When moms and dads, or loving guardians, sow spiritual values into their kids, in the home, that's ideal. But moms and dads often feel desperate for help, especially these days. They long for outside mentors – *spiritual fathers and mothers* – to sow grace and truth into the lives of their kids. And that's where the body of Christ plays a key role. Every local church needs a growing set of mentors...coaches...disciplemakers who are willing to invest God's *Word* and sound *wisdom* into the lives of the next generation. When we do this, we provide a gift to that child that potentially lasts the rest of their lives. At Grace, we want to see spiritual fathers and mothers, *people with high-integrity and kingdom-mindedness*, sow life and truth into our children. Here's how this might be done.

### 1. **God's Word**

*Proverbs 7:1-4; 5*

### 2. **Practical Wisdom**

*Proverbs 7:5; 6-27*

**3. Idea**

**4. Takeaways**