Earning the Right to be Called DAD
Remodeling Your Home-7       June 15, 2014

Earning the “Right” Comes From:
• An Unshakeable AFFECTION (v. 7-8)
  - INWARD Attachment=
  - Unconditional COMMITMENT

• Imparting Life, not just WORDS (v.8)
  - Sharing your values
  - Discerning the Truth

• An Example of hard work and UNSELFISHNESS (v. 9)
  - A model of discipline, an ATTITUDE of realistic thanks.

• The Power of Grace (v.9)
  - A child’s view of her Heavenly Father is directly LINKED to her view of her dad.
  - The strongest sermon is in ACTIONS not words.

• A Positive, Consistent, Christ-honoring influence. (v. 10-12)
  - The quality of TRANSPARENCY your openness
  - The consistency of CHARACTER your example
  - The goal of KNOWING & GROWING your child= your time and interest

Two Applications:
• 252 PARENTS MEETING
• Commitment to COMMUNITY GROUPS this fall:

BIBLE READING: 1 Thessalonians 2: 5-12

5 For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness.

6 Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ.

7 But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children.

8 So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

9 For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

10 You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct towards you believers.

11 For you know how, like a father with his children,

12 we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.