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Ted Cunningham
I'm Not the Perfect Parent
Part 5: My Kids are Grown, but There's Still Time

1. Based on the sermon, what are the three potential paths your grown child may take?
2. What is a major concern surrounding drunkenness and gluttony, other than their direct immediate consequences? What often goes along with these sins?
3. **Read Proverbs 23:22-23, 26** “Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. Buy the truth and do not sell it—wisdom, instruction and insight as well. My son, give me your heart and let your eyes delight in my ways.” What are the positive things this scripture encourages adult children to do? How are these observed in practical terms/specifics?
4. What is the measure of a different path vs. a wrong path? What/who determines the non-essentials?
5. How can expectations sabotage a relationship with adult children? What did Ted say about unsolicited advice?
6. What is the difference between condoning behavior/lifestyle and accepting/loving the person? How can this be displayed in the relationship?
7. Ted told the story of a youth pastor who bought an Escalade instead of the Explorer he could afford, and later realized his mistake. Have you or your children had a similar situation where they/you had to learn by experience when advised otherwise? Please share.
8. **Read Proverbs 18:21** “The tongue has the power of Life and death, and those who live it will eat its fruit.” Ted said we should speak words of honor to our adult children. Beyond words, how do non-verbal's play into this? Have you ever heard the “right” words, but not believed them? Why?
9. What are some recent fun memories you've had with your adult children or parents if you are an adult child? What can these connections lead to? Please share an example.
10. The story of the prodigal son shows God our Father's unconditional love for us, creating a safe place to acknowledge our sin and repent. **Read Romans 2:4** “Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?” When have you seen your unconditional love for your adult child turn around his life, behavior, or attitude? Please share.
11. Have you ever felt “it's too late,” or “it's my fault” when your child is on the wrong path? How is this misguided? Ted said that there is plenty you can do and nothing God can't do. What positive things can you do to see future change?