

Solomon wrote: “*He that walks with the wise shall be wise*” (Prov. 13:20). **Just exactly how important is the walk of a father before a son?**

Joseph Parker lived from 1830 to 1902 and though his name is not a daily part of our conversations in and about Watson, it certainly would have been had you lived in London in the second half of the nineteenth century. Parker regularly preached to over 3000 people a week. One noted author said of Parker, “***I never hear him preach without saying to myself, ‘I want to be a better man.’***” Another said of him, “***When Parker preached he held forth Christ with a pathos and power that melted many hearts.***”

Joseph Parker was a man of huge stature both physically and spiritually. While authoring many books, his life work – preaching – was transcribed into the twenty-five volume set entitled *The People’s Bible*. Simply put, Joseph Parker was a biblical giant! But now, back to the question at hand: **Just exactly how important is the walk of a father before a son?** The biblical giant was led to Christ on a summer Sunday night as he as a boy walked home from church with his dad and his Sunday School teacher.

The history of modern Christianity and certainly the history of England would not be the same without the witness of that faithful father! What’s more, those populating the mansions of Heaven today would surely not include thousands that Parker pointed toward the Savior.

Be careful dad (and mom too) the life you are shaping in your child is a life that will shape eternal history. **May God so move on our lives that a simple Sunday night will never again look the same!**