



**What Our Kids Need
to See in Us**

Example is Important

- ◆ We learn from Jesus by example.
 - ◆ 1 Peter 2.21ff
- ◆ Shepherds are to lead by example.
 - ◆ 1 Peter 5.3
- ◆ “About 65 to 75 percent of all communication is nonverbal in nature.”
 - ◆ Susan Jones, Associate Professor of Comm Studies

“Nonverbal communication, or the expression of messages through facial expressions, gestures and body language, is essential to successful relationships in the workplace.”

–*Leslie Contreras Schwartz*

“Nonverbal Communication in Workplace Interactions”

<http://smallbusiness.chron.com/nonverbal-communication-workplace-interactions-844.html>

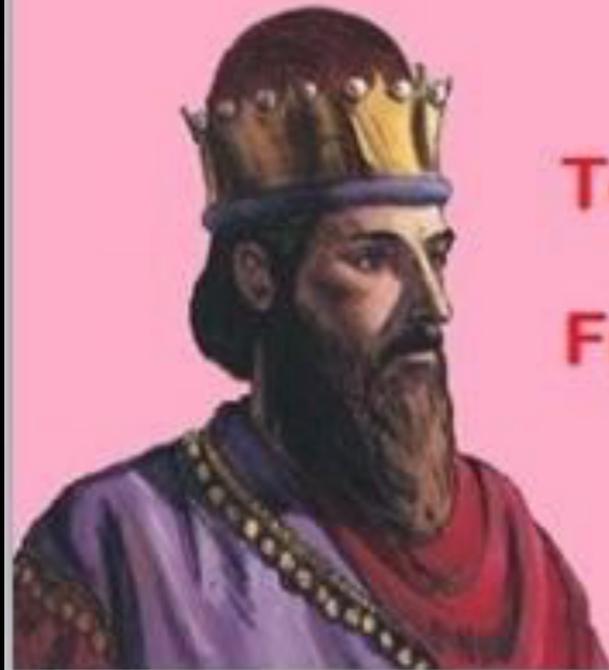
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- ◆ They need to see parents who *actively* care.
- ◆ This is more than room and board.
- ◆ Consider the ideal parent: (Matthew 6.9)
 - ◆ Knows needs before requests are made — 6.8
 - ◆ Take time to communicate — 6.9
 - ◆ Rewards proper behavior — 6.4,6,18
 - ◆ Able to be approached — 7.7-11

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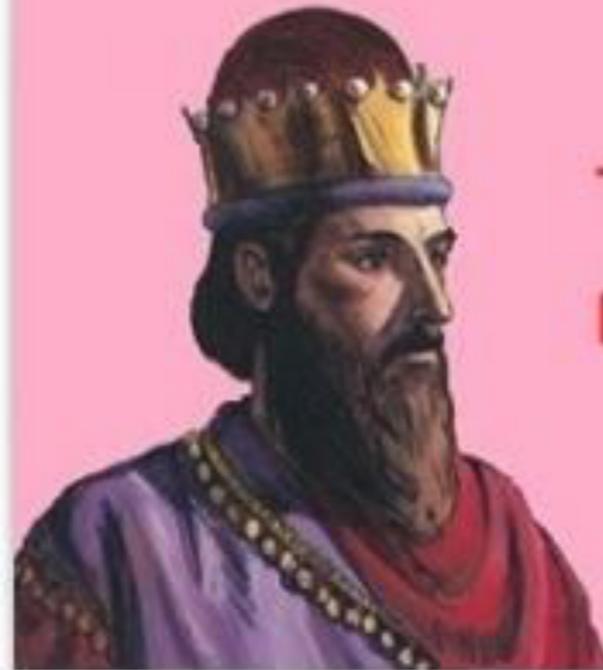
Thine eyes are like the fishpools in Heshbon, by the gate of Bathrabbim.



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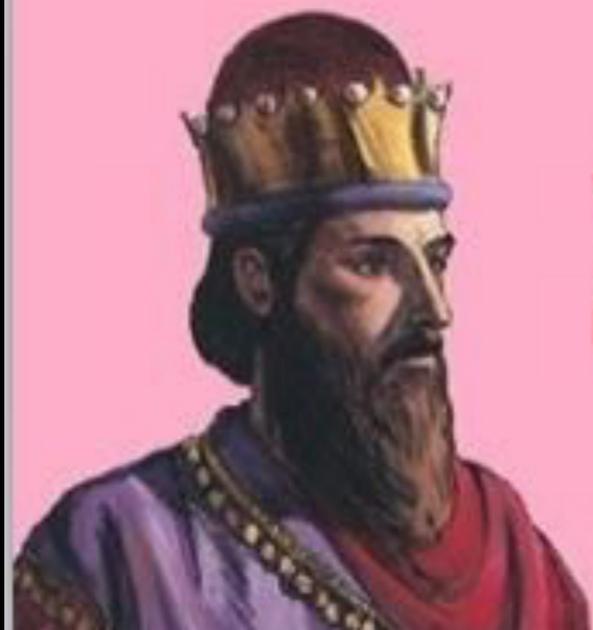
Thy hair is as a flock of goats, that appear from mount Gilead.



To:

From:

Thy temples are like a piece of a pomegranate within thy locks.



To:

From:

Thy teeth are like a flock of sheep that are even shorn, which came up from the washing; whereof every one bear twins, and none is barren among them.



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 - ◆ Do they see willing sacrifice? (Ephesians 5.24-25,28)
 - ◆ Do they see effective communication? (James 1.19)

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- ◆ They need to see parents who follow Christ.
- ◆ This is more than talk and pre-meal prayers.
- ◆ Do our kids *see* us following Jesus?
 - ◆ Do they see us being light in the world? (Mt. 5.14ff)
 - ◆ Do they see us being active in reconciliation? (Mt. 5.23f)
 - ◆ Do they see us being worshippers of God? (John 4.24)
 - ◆ Do they see us living a new life? (Romans 6.3f)