Diagnostic Questions:

As men who disciple we should be growing in our expertise concerning our families and the young men and boys we are discipling. To put it bluntly, If you know your baseball team’s stats better than you know your son’s stats or the young men and boys you disciple, then your priorities are wacked.

These questions are designed to help you asses how well you know those in your life and to give you some ideas regarding where to start learning. There are lot’s more that could be asked but this is a good start.

1. What words would you use to describe your son or the boy you disciple?
2. Does he understand and love the Gospel?
3. What are his strengths and natural abilities?
4. What arevhis weaknesses and the kinds of tasks that he struggles with?
5. What areas of sin does he struggle with? (The weaknesses above should be distinguished from sins. They are not the same thing).
6. How will the realities of questions 4 and 5 affect him as he grows older?
7. What are you doing to nurture his gifts?
8. What are you doing to help him overcome the sins with which he struggles?
9. What are his worries?
10. What are his favorite activities?
11. Who would he consider his good friends?
12. When was the last time you had a meaningful conversation with him when you weren’t scolding or disciplining him?
13. Does he enjoy your company
14. Do you enjoy his company
15. When was the last time you repented to your son?