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Handing Off The Baton

Proverbs 22:6/ Ephesians 6:4/ Ezekiel 18:20

It's no easy thing raising godly kids in a culture where godliness is in short supply. Many single parents, couples, and even grandparents fear for the future that the next generation will face. But God has a game plan that fits any culture and one priority that He asks us to focus on above all others.

THREE VERSES:

Two Sides of The Coin

Proverbs 22:6/ Ephesians 6:4/ Ezekiel 18:20

A DANGEROUS MYTH/ AN EXASPERATING TRUTH

Proverbs 22:6/ Genesis 3/ Ezekiel 18:20/ Proverbs 21:30-31

The Myth: A godly home guarantees godly kids.

The Truth: We have no control.
But we have tons of influence.

PREPARED FOR BATTLE

Increasing Your Odds of Success

❶ Fight For A Strong Marriage.
Ephesians 5:22-6:4/ Malachi 2:13-16

❷ Model Respect For Authority.
Romans 13:1-7/ Proverbs 24:21-22

❸ Put Character Over Performance.
1 Samuel 16:7/ Luke 9:25/ Matthew 6:33

❹ Take A Genuine Interest In Their World.
Philippians 2:3-5/ John 1:14

❺ Pick Your Battles.
Ephesians 6:4/ Colossians 3:21/ Ecclesiastes 7:16-18/ Romans 14:1-15

Growth Group Homework

For the week of March 3, 2019

Note: This week's sermon and homework focuses on parenting. But if you're not a parent or don't have kids in your home, simply apply the questions to other significant relationships where you wish to have significant spiritual influence.

QUICK REVIEW – Take a minute to look back over your sermon notes. Is there a particular truth, application or part of the message that challenged you or caught your attention?

MY STORY

1. Which of these TV families have any similarities to your own?

Huxtables - The Cosby Show	Taylors - Home Improvement
Dukes – Dukes of Hazzard	Winslows - Family Matters
Cleavers - Leave it to Beaver	Gilmores - The Gilmore Girls
Bradys - The Brady Bunch	Bunkers - All in the Family
Simpsons – The Simpsons	Barones - Everybody Loves Raymond

2. If you could go back in time and give YOUR parents a piece of advice from this week's sermon what would it be?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Pastor Tom said, "handing off the baton," is an important part of a parent's job description. To do this well we need to remember that many things are better "caught" than "taught." In light of that, what would it look like for you to model each of the following passages in such a way that those watching would be inclined to follow your example?

Psalms 119:15-16

Matthew 5:13-16

Philippians 2:3-4

Colossians 3:13

Despite our greatest of intentions, we don't have ultimate control over how our kids respond to our direction. There are some things that can increase our influence and some things that can sabotage it.

What are some specific actions and attitudes that make it more likely that those under our influence WON'T follow our advice? (List as many as you can think of.)

2. A strong marriage has a huge impact on kids. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 and make a list of character qualities that communicate love. Then, if you're married, go back and rate how you are doing in regard to your spouse in each area on a scale of 1 to 10. Do the same in regard to your children or any other significant relationships.

Are there any areas you would like to improve your score on? Why? What can you do to improve in those areas?

3. This weekend we saw the importance and value of taking a genuine interest in the world of our kids regardless of their age. Part of doing that is simply identifying and affirming their unique interests, gifts, and abilities. What does Proverbs 3:27 and 15:30 say about this principle?

Take a moment and write down 2-3 abilities or positive character qualities of your children. If you are not a parent, think of a couple close friends.

How do you communicate what you wrote above to your children? Is it time to remind them how you specifically appreciate them?

TAKING IT HOME

1. As you think of preparing your children (or those under your influence) to thrive in this culture and "increasing your odds of success," is there one point from the sermon or homework that you need to focus on more than others?

2. As God's children, we have been given a perfect example to follow (Jesus) and a powerful helper to walk by our side (The Holy Spirit). Spend some time thanking your heavenly "Dad" for what He has given you.