

WIN AT HOME & SUCCEED IN LIFE Week 7: Raising Spiritual Champions Part 4 Sermon Notes

- 1% of preteens possess a biblical worldview.
- 4% of Gen Z have a biblical worldview, representing 26-30% of the world's nearly 2 billion people.
- 10% of Gen Z adults regularly engage with the Bible
- 72% of adults under 30 reported not participating in religious services in any form in the past month.

Hebrews 10:24-25 CSB

And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.

30-40 years after Pentecost.

The early church met regularly.

Acts 2:42-47 CSB

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles. Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as any had need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Church gatherings often took place in homes.

Main Point: Develop an enduring commitment and involvement in the local church

Involvement and Endurance in Gathering Together.

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<u>"provoke"</u>

(or "stimulate" in some translations)

- "παροξυσμός" (paroxysmos). Greek
- a sharp contention, incitement, or stimulation.
- a sense of stirring up or spurring someone on.

The goal of stimulation:

- 1. Motivate agape love.
- 2. Empower service to God.
- 3. Eschatological urgency.

Endurance is a spiritual quality needed to reflect Christ.

Hebrews 10:36 CSB

For you need endurance, so that after you have done God's will, you may receive what was promised.

"endurance" (in these contexts)

- "ὑπομονή" (hypomonē) (Greek)
- steadfastness, constancy, and perseverance.
- a steadfast and patient enduring.

Christ as the Example of Endurance.

Hebrews 12:1-3 CSB

Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes

on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him who endured such hostility from sinners against himself, so that you won't grow weary and give up.

Greek Context:

- "ὑπομονή" (hypomonē) Hebrews 10:36
- "ὑπομένω" (hypomenō) Hebrews 12:2-3
 - o patient and steadfast endurance.
 - o active perseverance

The Four Key Principles to Remember:

- 1. Be a Role Model of Authentic Faith
- 2. Empower Them with a Strong, Healthy Mind for the Lord
- 3. Teach Them to Know God Intimately and Powerfully Through the Word of God
- 4. Show Them the Importance of Developing an enduring commitment and involvement in the local church