

Arrows  
Parenting on Purpose  
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**1 Corinthians 9:26** Therefore I do not run like someone running **aimlessly**; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air.

**Psalms 127:1-5** Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—for he grants sleep to those he loves. Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court.

**Bullseye of Parenting:** Win their hearts to Jesus.

7 Principles:

1. Train early.

**Proverbs 22:6** Train up a child in the way **he should go**; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

2. Teach them obedience.

3. Parent in the right season.

- ✓ Age 0-5: Discipline.
- ✓ Age 6-11: Training.
- ✓ Age 12-19: Coaching.
- ✓ Age 20+: Friendship.

4. Stay engaged.

5. Teach God's Word.

- ✓ You are the primary faith trainer.

**Deut 6:6-7** These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

- ✓ Church is a great resource.

6. Model what you want.

**1 Corinthians 11:1** NKJV Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

7. Rest in God's grace.

**Proverbs 17:6** Children's children are the crown of the old men, and the glory of children is their father.

**Walk Away:** The goal of parenting is that your child knows God.