

From Surviving to Thriving  
Part 3: How to Raise Kids You Actually Like  
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Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep. 3 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. 4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. 5 Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate Psalms 127:1-5

Key truth about parenting: Children are a \_\_\_\_\_ not a \_\_\_\_\_.

Grandchildren are the crowning glory of the aged; parents are the pride of their children.  
Proverbs 17:6

Kids are like arrows!  
Psalm 139:13, Luke 12:7, Ephesians 2:10

3 things we do in raising children:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

I must know what the \_\_\_\_\_ is. Hebrews 12:2

Ultimate goal of parenting is to make sure your kids \_\_\_\_\_

My top priority as a parent is to do everything I can so my kids choose to \_\_\_\_\_.

Am I \_\_\_\_\_ Christian or a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus?

*"Aim at heaven and you get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you get neither." -CS Lewis*

How do I define success?

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33

But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

Everyone has an "as for me and my house..."  
What is it for you?

As for me and my house we will \_\_\_\_\_.

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 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. 8 Tie

them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:4-9

2. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ before you \_\_\_\_\_.

Proverbs 13:24

3. \_\_\_\_\_

The Lord will make you the head, not the tail.

Deuteronomy 28:13a