

Let's Fight For Your Kids (Part 2)

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INTRODUCTION

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As parents, we've got to do our part to make sure our labor is worthwhile. We need to make sure our labor, our hard work, and our years of investing in these kids are worth it. If we get this wrong and do it our own way, God tells us our labor will be in vain. But on the flip side, He says that if we build our house on the Lord, if we build our homes according to His plans and His ways, our labor, our work, our painful moments, and our constant efforts will be worthwhile. So what does it look like to make sure our labor is worthwhile? That's what we're going to break down today.

Horizontal lines for notes.

KEY POINTS

1. Build with a purpose.

I've heard some people say that the purpose of parenting is to take care of their kids, to provide for them, to protect them, or to keep them safe. And I believe all of these things are important. But the truth is, the Bible speaks very little about these things. When I read God's word, as a dad, here's what I see: The purpose of parenting isn't to keep your kids safe, it's to make your kids dangerous - dangerous for the Lord, for the Gospel, and for the Kingdom of God. After all, we aren't raising our kids. We are raising God's kids.

2. Prioritize your vertical relationship.

When your primary focus is on your vertical relationship with the Lord, it will change your horizontal relationships with others. It's that simple. Therefore, if we're prioritizing our vertical relationship with God, our horizontal relationships with our kids will be impacted in the best way.

As a dad, I know I cannot fulfill my purpose as a parent alone. If I'm going to provide for my kids, train my kids, and give them the instruction that they need, I need the Lord working in me and through me. And that's true for all of us.

3. Fight on your knees.

In other words, commit to praying for your kids. If you're not sure how to do this or where to start, here are eight things to pray for your kids:

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- For godly wisdom
- For godly character
- For a spirit of excellence
- For humility
- For a desire to know God
- For God's direction
- For God's favor
- For God's protection

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4. Never give up.

I'm reminded of what the Lord said in Jeremiah 32:27: "Look, I am the Lord, the God over every creature. Is anything too difficult for me?" The answer to that is: NO, there's not. There is nothing our God cannot do in your family, in your life, or in the life of your child (young or old). If their heart is beating, there's still hope. So even when your kids are difficult, when they seem too far gone, or when parenting feels hopeless, never give up. Trust that God can do anything and that nothing and no one is out of His reach.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What do you think is the most difficult aspect of godly parenting?
2. What steps are you taking to prioritize your vertical relationship?
3. Are you currently in the habit of praying for your kids? Which of the eight things listed above do you want to pray for your kids more frequently?
