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Raising Champions For Christ

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INTRODUCTION

Have you ever started a DIY project after watching a YouTube video, only to find that skipping steps leads to a wobbly shelf or a leaky sink? It is a simple lesson we often learn the hard way: building something the wrong way always catches up to you. This is not just true for home projects, but for the home you are building with your life. Every parent and mentor is in the middle of a building project. The critical question is whether you are following God's blueprint or just hoping it all holds together.

The Bible tells us, "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain" (Psalm 127:1). You can pour every ounce of energy into your kids, but if God is not the architect, the foundation is sand. Our children are not just accessories; they are arrows in our quiver, meant to be sharpened, aimed, and launched into the world for God's glory. He has not called us to raise kids who simply collect trophies, but to raise champions for Christ. Let's explore the building blocks for raising children who will shine for Him.

KEY POINTS

1. Build On The Foundation Of Faith

God's first priority for parents is faith formation. He commands us to have His words in our hearts first, and then to repeat them to our children. This means faith must be caught before it can be taught. You cannot pass down what you have not first picked up. Discipleship is not a once-a-week event; it should saturate your everyday life through prayer, reading the Bible together, and talking about God in the simple, daily moments.

2. Model A Life Worth Following

The greatest sermon your children will ever hear is the one they watch you live every day. Your kids do not need you to be flawless, but they do need you to be faithful. When they see you reading God's Word, praying, repenting, and serving, they learn how to follow Jesus. Children do what you do long before they do what you say. Your example is the most powerful tool you have.

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3. Teach Them to Honor Authority

The home is the first classroom for authority. When children learn to honor their parents, they build a foundation for honoring teachers, leaders, and ultimately, God Himself. Honor is not demanded with an iron fist; it is developed through mutual respect. When you speak kindly, correct firmly without crushing their spirit, and require obedience the first time, you teach them that authority is a gift that provides order and protection.

4. Shape Their Character Through Discipline

Scripture teaches that failing to discipline a child is a form of neglect. Godly discipline is not about rejection; it is about redirection. It is not punishment for the past but preparation for the future. When we discipline, we should be clear with our boundaries, consistent in our actions, and calm in our demeanor. Always correct with the goal of restoration, reminding your child, “I love you too much to let you live beneath God’s best for you.”

5. Point Them Toward Their God-Given Purpose

God has a unique, God-given purpose for every child. As parents, we must see them through the lens of what God can make them tomorrow, not just what they are today. Call out their gifts, affirm their strengths, and celebrate their uniqueness. Comparison is the thief of joy and the killer of calling. Our job is to help chisel away everything that does not look like the person God created them to be.

6. Guard Their Hearts And Minds

Whatever consumes your child’s heart will eventually control their life. We live in a culture that is fighting for their attention and affection. If we do not disciple our kids, the world will. As parents, you are the gatekeepers of your children’s hearts. Setting boundaries is not about trapping them; it is about protecting them from spiritual harm. What you guard reveals what you value, and nothing is more valuable than the hearts and minds of your kids.

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7. Launch Them With Love And Faith

Children are like arrows, designed to be sharpened, aimed, and released into the world. Our role is to prepare them for launch by building their character, equipping them with wisdom, and pointing them toward God's purpose. The measure of successful parenting is not how tightly you hold on, but how faithfully you launch your children out to make a difference for the Kingdom of God. This requires letting go and trusting God with their future.

Raising champions for Christ is not about being a perfect parent. It is about being a faithful one. God is the perfect Father, and He has promised to guide, equip, and strengthen you for the task He has given you. Your role is to build your home on the Rock, Jesus Christ, so that when the storms of life come, your family will not collapse.

Commit to building a foundation of faith, modeling a life worth following, and intentionally shaping your children's character. Guard their hearts, point them to their purpose, and trust God enough to launch them into the world. You do not have to do this in your own strength. Surrender your family to Him daily, and watch as He works through your faithful efforts to raise a generation that shines for His glory.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. The sermon emphasizes that faith must be "caught before it's taught." In what specific, practical ways can you more intentionally model a vibrant, personal faith in the everyday moments of your family's life?
2. As a "gatekeeper" of your child's heart and mind, what is the biggest cultural influence (e.g., social media, peers, entertainment) you feel you are competing with, and what is one new boundary you can set to better protect them?
3. The idea of "launching your arrows" can be difficult for parents. What is one fear you have about letting your child go, and how can you entrust that fear to God as you prepare them for His purpose?
