

They were intentional in their efforts to spread the gospel.

They were intentional in making sacrifices for the sake of the gospel.

They were intentional in living out their faith in their homes.

We have sought to be intentional to live out our faith among our kids believing that it would encourage them to intentionally live out their faith among their peers.

Our actions and reactions often set the stage for their actions and reactions.

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

We attempted to be intentional in setting spiritual boundaries for our kids.  
*Do not move the ancient boundaries which your fathers have set. Proverbs 22:28*

7 million American dads were absent from the life of all their minor children.

*Greet Rufus, a choice man in the Lord, also his mother and mine. Romans 16:13*

We did our best to monitor outside influences in the spiritual development of their kids.

Keep your eyes open for wolves.

*Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them. Romans 16:17*

Be on your guard.

*Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. Acts 20:28*

Develop accountability.

*I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Acts 20:29-30*

Be on the alert.

*Therefore, be on the alert, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which can build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. Acts 20:31-31*

Recognize what the wolf is hungry for.

*For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting. Romans 16:18*

How do you recognize what the wolf is hungry for?

Don't label a sheep a wolf simply because you don't like sheep in general.

*For the report of your obedience has reached to all; therefore, I am rejoicing over you, but I want you to be wise in what is good and innocent in what is evil. Romans 16:19*

We prayed for peace and grace.

*The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. Romans 16:20*