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Week 2: Parenting with a Purpose

Daily Devotional

As you read these daily scriptures, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What is God saying to me?
2. What do I want to say to God in response?
3. How will I live out this truth?

**Day 1**: **Ephesians 6:4 (NIV)**

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

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**Day 2: Psalm 127:1 (NIV)**

Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.

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**Day 3: 1 Corinthians 4:14-16 (NIV)**

I am writing this not to shame you but to warn you as my dear children. Even if you had ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. Therefor I urge you to imitate me.

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**Day 4: 1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV)**

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

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**Day 5: Ephesians 6:1-3 (NIV)**

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother” – which is the first commandment with a promise – “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

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Discussion Questions:

**1.** The sermon highlights that a significant percentage of youth and young adults are disengaging from religion and church. What do you think are the primary factors contributing to this trend, and how can we address them within our own communities?

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**2.** How doesEphesians 6:1-4 guide our understanding if parental roles and responsibilities? What practical steps can parents take to align their parenting with this scripture?

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**3.** The sermon emphasizes the importance of a father’s role in a child’s development. How can fathers or male role models positively influence their children? In what ways can the church support fathers in fulfilling this role?

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**4.** The sermon mentions that “faith is not taught, it is caught”. How can we ensure that our children and youth see authentic faith in action? What are some specific behaviors or practices that might help demonstrate this?

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**5.** Discuss the idea that parents and mentors should model what it means to be a follower of Jesus. How can we effectively embody and demonstrate Christlike behavior in our daily lives?

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**6.** What are some common obstacles parents face in maintaining a strong spiritual influence over their children? How can these challenges be overcome?

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**7.** The sermon emphasizes the importance of building a strong, loving relationship with children. Which of the suggested methods (e.g., expressing love, scheduling time, eye contact) do you find most effective? Share any personal experiences or strategies that have worked for you.

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**8.** How important is it for parents to admit their mistakes and ask for forgiveness? How can this practice impact a child’s understanding of grace and humility?

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**9.** How can regular prayer together enhance the spiritual growth and connection within a family? What are some practical ways to incorporate prayer into daily routines?

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