

GROWING GREAT KIDS

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All verses from New Living Translation unless otherwise noted.

"Fathers...bring them (your children) up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord." Ephesians 6:4

Psalms 127:1-5

1. "Unless the LORD builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the LORD protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good."
2. "It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to his loved ones."
3. "Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him."
4. "Children born to a young man are like arrows in a warrior's hands."
5. "How joyful is the man whose quiver is full of them! He will not be put to shame when he confronts his accusers at the city gates."

DO'S AND DON'TS

1ST - DON'T PANIC.

Philippians 4:13 "I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."

2ND - DO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.

3RD - DO BE A SENTRY.

4TH - DO BUILD A SECURE HEALTHY HOME.

5TH - DO MAKE FAITH PERSONAL.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 "Commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up."

6TH - DO PREPARE THEM FOR LIFE.

Two ineffective parenting styles:

- (1) Helicopter Parents
- (2) Drill Sergeant Parents

7TH - DON'T EXPECT PERFECTION

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

8TH - DON'T NEGLECT THE TOOLS.