

THERE'S A BATTLE FOR OUR KIDS

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

Teach (God's Truths) to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy. 11:19 (NIV)

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

Ephesians 6:4 (NIV)

❖ Understanding the struggles they have faced.

"In this world you will have trouble..."

John 16:33a (NIV)

1. The struggle of MISSING OUT.
2. The struggle of LOSING OUT.
3. The struggle with LACK of TRUST.
4. The struggle with lack of HOPE.

❖ Understanding why this is so important.

1. We have probably spent too much time HOLDING UP this generation.
Discipline your children while you still have the chance; indulging them destroys them.

Proverbs 19:18 (MSG)

2. We have created a culture of WORRY and FEAR for this generation.
"Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?"

Luke 12:25-26 (NIV)

3. We've allowed our kids to become OVER-STIMULATED and OVER-EXPOSED.
When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.

1 Corinthians 13:11 (NIV)

❖ Helping our children prepare for a good life in this difficult world.

"...But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 16:33b (NIV)

1. Making sure to LIMIT unhealthy EXPOSURE.

"Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?"

Matthew 7:9-10 (NIV)

2. Increasing their involvement with LOVING ADULTS.

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near.

Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)

3. Model a proper response by showing CALM LEADERSHIP.

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

Psalms 46:10 (NIV)

4. Encouraging them to PURSUE and PRACTICE their faith.

Teach your children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it.

Proverbs 22:6 (NLT)