

# Raising Your Children as Warriors for Christ

*Lessons from Israel's parenting failures*

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I. Why should a parent be concerned with raising a warrior for Christ?

A. Our children are \_\_\_\_\_ from us a \_\_\_\_\_ more  
to the faith than the one into which we were

B. A child whose goal it is to \_\_\_\_\_ will survive better than a one whose goal it is to merely to

C. Our goal must be to raise \_\_\_\_\_ – not

II. Lessons from Israel's parenting failures

A. Israel's failure: Parents did not impart a \_\_\_\_\_ in God

*Judg 2:7 The people served the LORD throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and who had seen all the great things the LORD had done for Israel... 10 After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, **another generation grew up, who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel.***

*Judg 2:19; 3:7,12; 4:1; 6:1; 10:6 "Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD..."*

⇒ Israel had been instructed to \_\_\_\_\_ their children in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for God

*Deu 10:12 And now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to **fear the LORD** your God, to walk in all his ways, to **love him**, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,*

*Deu 31:13 **Their children**, who do not know this law, must hear it and **learn to fear the LORD** your God as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess."*

⇒ Israel had been told how to \_\_\_\_\_ of their families

*Deut 6:6-9 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.*

*Ephesians 6:4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, **bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.***

## The lessons we learn:

1. A true faith in God is one that is

*1 Ki 22:43 In everything he [Jehoshaphat] walked in the ways of his father Asa and did not stray from them; he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD...*

*1 Ki 15:26 He [Nadab] did evil in the eyes of the LORD, walking in the ways of his father and in his sin, which he had caused Israel to commit.*

⇒ We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ what we \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves.

⇒ Those who live merely \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have difficulty imparting their values.

⇒ We must personally have a \_\_\_\_\_ faith.

2. A genuine faith is not

⇒ Our children's hearts are won by our \_\_\_\_\_ out the

⇒ Otherwise \_\_\_\_\_ may be legalistic, outward, shallow, nominal, etc.

*Judg 6:13 "But sir," Gideon replied, "if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our fathers told us about when they said, 'Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and put us into the hand of Midian."*

B. Israel's failure: They didn't \_\_\_\_\_ the inhabitants of the land (Judges 1:27-33; 2:3)

*Numbers 33:55-56 "But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land, those you allow to remain will become barbs in your eyes and thorns in your sides. They will give you trouble in the land where you will live. 56 And then I will do to you what I plan to do to them."*

1. Children lacked a clear

2. They picked up

## The lessons we learn:

Pray for insight about which \_\_\_\_\_ your children must be

*2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1 Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? 15 What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? 16 What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people." 17 "Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you." 18 "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." 7:1 Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.*

CAUTION: We can develop a false confidence in

⇨ Keeping away is not as important as putting them

C. Israel's failure: They were unprepared for (Judges 2:3, 14)

*Judg 2:14 In his anger against Israel the LORD handed them over to raiders who plundered them. He sold them to their enemies all around, whom they were no longer able to resist.*

### The lessons we learn:

1. Prepare them for

*Acts 14:22 strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said.*

*Philippians 1:29 For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him,*

*Romans 8:17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*

*2 Timothy 3:12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,*

2. Do not them from every they face

*Heb 2:10 In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect [mature] through suffering.*

*Heb 5:8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered*

D. Israel's failure: They did not prepare their children for (Judges 3:1-2)

*Judg 3:1 These are the nations the LORD left to test all those Israelites who had not experienced any of the wars in Canaan 2 (he did this only to teach warfare to the descendants of the Israelites who had not had previous battle experience):*

### The lessons we learn:

Get and remain active in the

*1 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore I urge you to imitate me...*

*1 Corinthians 11:1 Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.*

*1 Thessalonians 1:6 You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.*