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HOW CHRISTIAN PARENTS CAN COLLABORATE
WITH CHURCH YOUTH MINISTRIES



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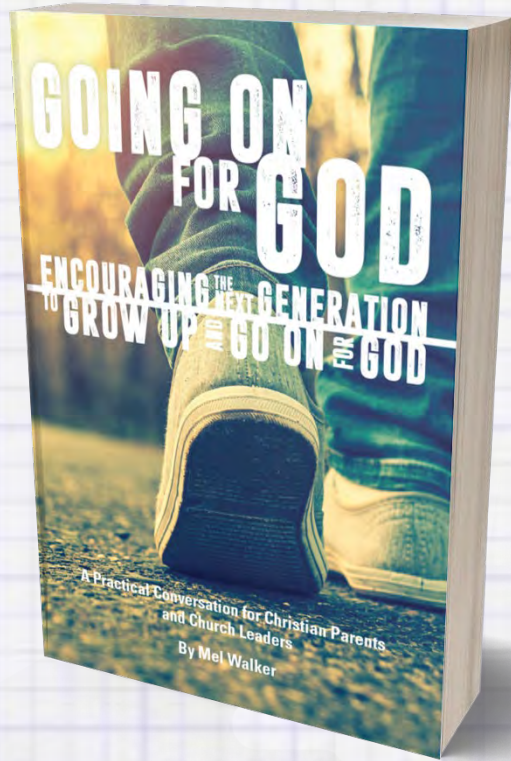
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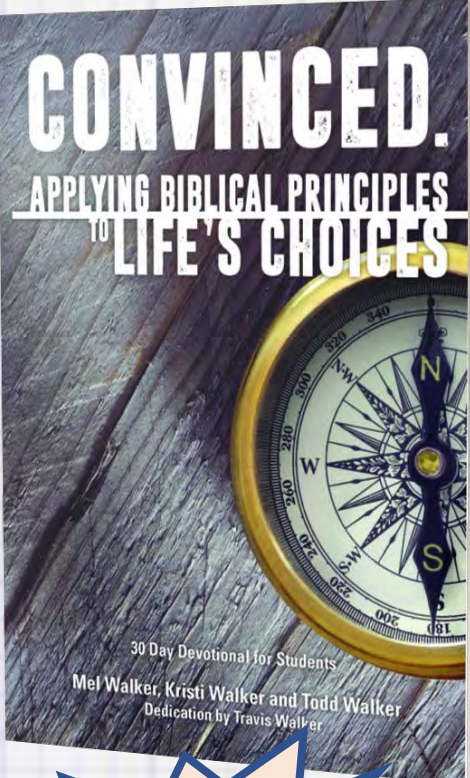
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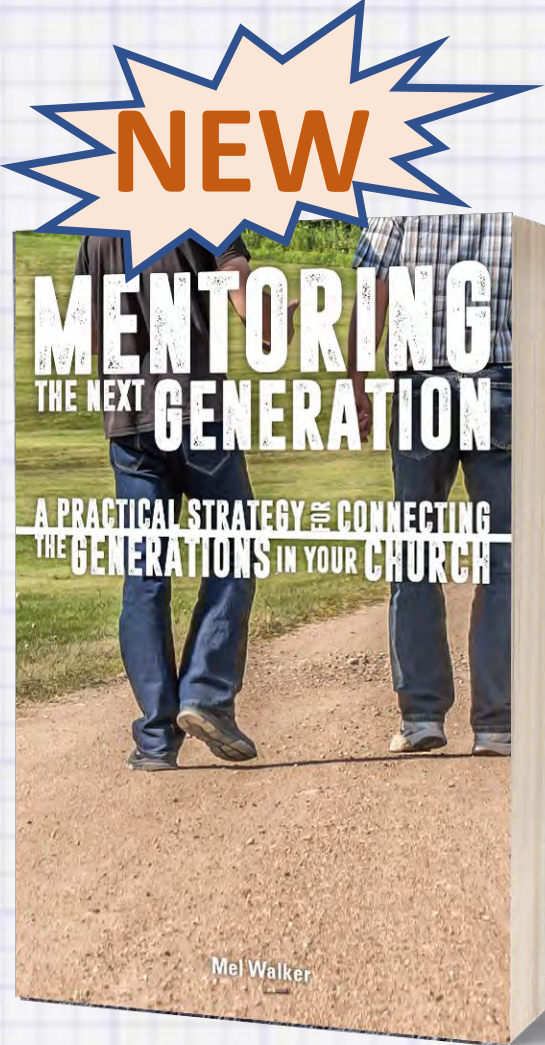
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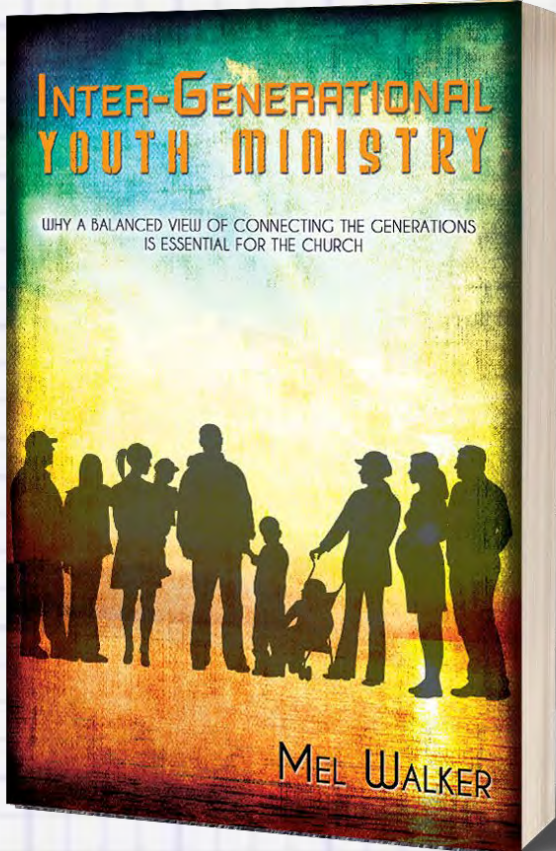
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**"WHAT DO WE WANT
FOR OUR KIDS?"**

BASIC PREMISE



THE CHURCH

THE HOME



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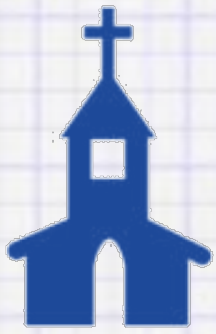


adults

**WE WANT OUR KIDS
TO GROW UP
AND GO ON FOR GOD!**

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THE CHURCH

*“...that we should **no longer be children**, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, **may grow up in all things** into Him who is the head—Christ—”*

Ephesians 4:14-15

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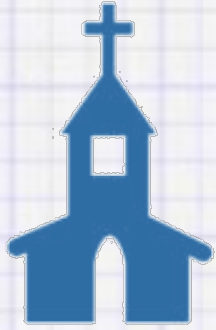
THE HOME



*“...**bring them up** in the training and admonition of the Lord.”*

Ephesians 6:1-4





THE CHURCH

Both institutions must be committed to helping our children grow up into spiritual maturity so that they go on for God as adults.



THE HOME



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adults



Important Lesson:

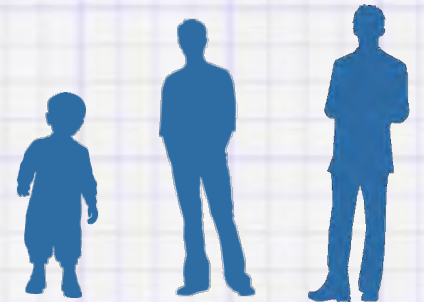
If you want your kids to grow up and go on for God, make sure that church is a top priority in life!!



THE HOME

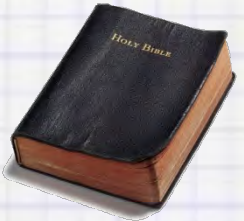


THE CHURCH



PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR CHRISTIAN PARENTS:

1. Remember that God's goal for our kids is for them to grow up and go on for God! **This goal must be our focus as we raise our kids!**



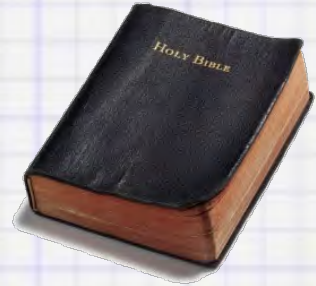
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PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR CHRISTIAN PARENTS:

2. It's important to involve our kids in what God is doing in the world today – His church!



- **Matthew 16:18** *“I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”*
- **Matt. 28:19-20** *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...”*
- **Mark 16:15** *“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”*



BIBLICAL MANDATES THAT ONLY THE CHURCH CAN PROVIDE:

DISCIPLESHIP

MENTORING

PREACHING

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**TWO
ESSENTIALS
FOR YOUNG
PEOPLE**

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“Here’s the bottom line: every kid needs five adult fans. Any young person who shows any interest in Christ needs a minimum of five people of various ages who will say, *‘I’m going to love that kid until they are fully walking as an adult member of this congregation.’*”

By Dr. Chap Clark –
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HOW TO BUILD 5 GODLY ADULTS INTO THE LIVES OF EMERGING GENERATIONS?



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HOW TO BUILD 5 **GODLY** ADULTS INTO THE LIVES OF EMERGING GENERATIONS?

ADULT MENTORS



YOUTH PASTOR



SMALL GROUP LEADERS



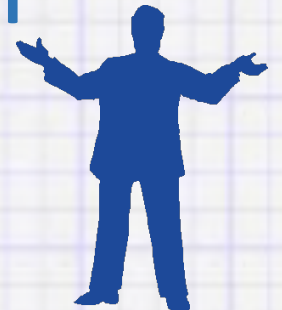
MENTORING IN MINISTRY



TEAM OF VOLUNTEER YOUTH WORKERS



OTHER SIGNIFICANT ADULTS



SENIOR CITIZENS WHO PRAY & CONNECT



PARENTS OF OTHER TEENAGERS

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2 ESSENTIALS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE -

THE IMPORTANCE OF GODLY ADULT MODELS

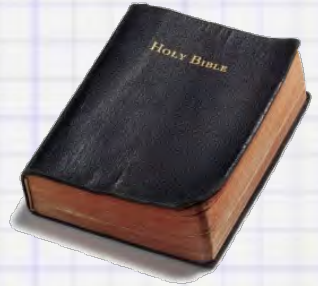


THE IMPORTANCE OF GODLY PEERS



PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR CHRISTIAN PARENTS:

3. Work with the church to build SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES into the lives of our kids!



Actions Steps For Parents	PRIORITY ITEMS	Action Steps For Churches
Build a Habit of Personal Devotions	Daily Time With God	Provide Resource for Church-Wide Personal Devotions
Encourage Children to Memorize Key Passages of Scripture	Bible Memory	Motivate for Church-Wide Scripture Memory
Be Consistent in Participation in Preaching & Teaching Ministries	Preaching / Teaching	Expository Preaching & Biblical Literacy Curriculum
Find Ways to Help Children Learn Truth & Encourage Them to Participate in Church Teaching Ministries	Theology	Set Preaching Plan & Educational Ministries to Teach Systematic Bible Doctrine
Model the Importance of Sharing One's Faith & Provide Evangelistic Opportunities	Outreach / Evangelism	Teach All Ages How to Share Their Faith & Provide Opportunities for Evangelistic Outreach
Be Consistent About Church Attendance & Help Children Build "Sweat-Equity"	Church Participation	Communicate Clear Reason for Why All Church Functions Are Held
Model Serving & Look for Whole-Family Means of Service	Ministry / Service	Provide Opportunities for God's People to Serve and Use Gifts & Abilities
Model Generosity & Be Consistent About Giving to God's Work	Giving	Teach on Biblical Stewardship & Communicate About Use of Church Funds
Develop a Prayer List of Important Family & "Body of Christ" Matters to Take to God	Prayer	Teach on the Subject of Prayer & Provide Opportunities for Church-Wide Prayer Meetings
Help Kids Find Good Christian Friends & Teach the Importance of Inter-Generational Connections	Fellowship / Friends	Balance Peer Ministries with Intentional Inter-Generational Connections
Help Teenagers Identify and Build Relationships with Godly Older Adults	Godly Adult Mentors	Teach on the Importance of Mentoring and Provide Opportunities for Mentoring in Ministry
Encourage Young People in Discipleship Relationships	Discipleship	Organize and Implement an Intentional Discipling Process
Teach Children Biblical Convictions & to Stand for Truth	Convictions / Bible Reasons	Help Reinforce Parents' Biblical Convictions

PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR CHRISTIAN PARENTS:

4. Don't make our families more important than the church!



“One of the acceptable idolatries among evangelical Christians is the idolatry of the family.”

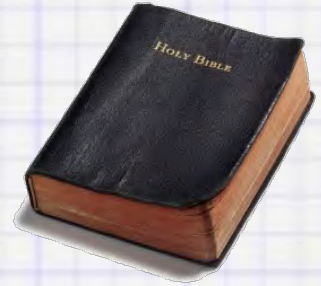
- Kevin DeYoung

**ONE FINAL
REMINDER**

PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR CHRISTIAN PARENTS:

4. Don't make our families more important than the church!

- **Matthew 10:37** *“He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.”*
- **Luke 14:26** *“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.”*



**ONE FINAL
REMINDER**

MAKING THIS PERSONAL

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OUR BASIC PARENTAL PHILOSOPHY -



one That our children would come to Christ!

two That they would learn & apply Scripture.

three That they would be a part of what God is doing...

four That they would serve the Lord as a top priority.

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OUR PARENTAL COMMITMENTS -



Preaching



Worship



Service



Fellowship



Evangelism



Giving



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