

Faith Works: Family

**“Raising Kids God’s Way”**

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*“By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established.”* Prov. 24:3

*“Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”* Ps.90:12

*“When you see the time you have left, you tend to get serious about the time you have now.”* -- Reggie Joiner

7 Keys to Raising Kids God’s Way

1. Love/Time = Worth – Keep showing up, keep showing up, keep showing up.

*“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* Romans 8:38-39

2. Words/Time = Direction – Create safe spaces to talk to your children.

*“Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds...Teach them 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.”* Dt. 11:18-19

3. Stories/Time = Perspective – Paint a picture of the grace of God.

*“Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children and their children to the next generation.”* Joel 1:3

4. Discipline/Time = Strength – Lovingly teach and correct them with truth.

*“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.”* Prov. 22:6

5. Work/Time = Significance – Give your kids opportunities to serve others and serve with them.

*“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”* Matt. 25:40

6. Fun/Time = Connection – Make life enjoyable.

*“A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without Him, who can eat or find enjoyment?”* Ecc. 2:24-25

7. Tribes/Time = Belonging – Allow your kids to be influenced by trusted others.

*“Teach the older men...Teach the older women... then they can teach the younger women...”* Titus 2:1-15

*“I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.”* 2 Cor. 6:2

Closing Prayer

*“To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father—to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.”* Rev. 1:5-6