

Marriage and Family: Enjoying The Journey
301: Healthy Friends & Family / Part-2 Parenting, Step-Parenting, Grand-Parenting
& Mentoring Essentials

LESSON 9: Raising Champions -Part 2

1. Teach them to work wholeheartedly

? The two extremes to avoid: Extreme Overachieving and Extreme Underachieving

? Teach them that work is sacred

Genesis 2:15 (NIV)

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

? Teach them that work is “as to the Lord”. It is for an audience of “One”

Ephesians 6:5-7 (MSG)

⁵Servants, respectfully obey your earthly masters but always with an eye to obeying the *real* master, Christ. ⁶Don't just do what you have to do to get by, but work heartily, as Christ's servants doing what God wants you to do. ⁷And work with a smile on your face, always keeping in mind that no matter who happens to be giving the orders, you're really serving God.

? Teach them to work willingly

Colossians 3:23 (NIV)

²³Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men,

Ephesians 6:7 (NLT)

⁷Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NIV)

¹⁰Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might...

? Teach them to pursue work around their gifting

1 Peter 4:10 (NASB77) ¹⁰As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Application: 1. Teach children to do daily and weekly chores as serving the Lord

2. Help children to find and pursue their strengths, talents and gifting

2. Teach them to manage responsibly

? Teach them that everything comes from the Lord

Psalms 24:1 (NIV) ¹The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

Genesis 1:26 (NIV) ²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them **rule** over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

? Teach them that God wants us to take care of what He gives us

Luke 16:10-12 (NIV) ¹⁰"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

¹¹So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

¹²And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

? Teach them that we will “give account” to the Lord for what we do with what we have

Matthew 25:19 (NIV) ¹⁹"After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.... ²¹"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

Luke 19:17 (NIV) ¹⁷ "Well done, my good servant!" his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.'

Application:

- ? Teach them take care of their “stuff”
- ? Teach them about money (To Save, Give, and Spend)
- ? Teach them to use their time wisely. Teach them to make “To Do Lists”, to prioritize and plan.

3. Teach them to persevere diligently

- ? Life will have it’s disappointments

Hebrews 12:7 (NIV) ⁷ Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father?

Romans 8:35 (NIV) ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

Romans 8:37 (NIV) ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

- ? God will use all things for good. It’s all good.

Romans 8:28-29 (NIV) ²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Genesis 50:20 (NKJV) ²⁰ But as for you, you meant evil against me; *but* God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive.

- ? Finish Strong

James 1:2-4 (NIV) ² Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds,

³ because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

⁴ Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Galatians 6:9 (NIV) ⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV) ⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

James 1:12 (NIV) ¹² Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

Application:

- ? Teach your children to accept hardships and overcome them with the Lord’s help
- ? Teach them to hang on to the Lord and never give up

Discussion Questions:

1. Review the 6 steps to “Raising Champions” that were covered in Lesson 8 and Lesson 9. Which of these are most important to you and which of these are most difficult to teach and train in your children? Why?
2. Which of these concepts do you see already being developed in your children? Which of these concepts need a lot more work? What are some practical steps you can take to continue this training?
3. List all the children represented in your small group. Spend the last part of your small group praying specifically for these 6 concepts to be built into the lives of your children.