



Empowering People to Change the World

**Training Worshipers and Warriors
Part 2**

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The 2022 Wholeheart Declaration

**I am growing to love Jesus with all my heart.
I am building my life on the Word of God.
I am trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit.
I am learning to live courageously.
I will shine the light of Christ in my family and community.**

Ephesians 6:4b

This Week: Training Worshippers and Warriors, Part 2

Training Worshippers and Warriors: Forging Future Leaders

Liz and I always viewed the home as a training center for building the next generation of warriors.

I've entitled this message, "Training Worshippers and Warriors."

- Because no one will do it for you.
- On the church front, as a pastor, we only have your children for two hours' max per week. We can't do it.
- The school has your kids 40 hours a week—they are training them!! But it's not to be a worshipper and warrior.
- Your children are a gift from God to be trained by you!

Last week, we looked at Psalm 127.

- The Lord wants to build your house! You have to let Him in. You parents must choose WHO will build your house.
- What God builds, God guards. If you are not allowing the Holy Spirit into your house, then God's not protecting your house.
- Build on God! Build on serving the Lord. Set the Cornerstone for your marriage and family. This begins in the marriage and flows down to the family.

Build your marriage and family on the right foundation: three stones to build your house on.

First stone: Build on Jesus Christ.

Second stone: Build on the Bible.

Third stone: Build on Church Community.

- **How do we build worshippers and warriors? Last week we looked at six very practical actions you can take daily to build into your children.**

Some more practical thoughts about your training center follow.

Liz and I believe that parenting is about “forging future leaders.”

God uses young people all through the Bible.

- David was 13 years old when he took on Goliath.
- Daniel was probably 17 years old when he stood his ground against Nebuchadnezzar, the most powerful man in the world.
- King Josiah, who brought about revival in Judah, was 8 years old when he became king.
- Jesus was 30 years old when He began His public ministry.
- Timothy was in his late teens or early 20's.

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1. Build an entrepreneur. Train producers, not consumers.

- The best way to predict the future is to create it!
- The school system is building consumers, widget makers, and workers.

- We are building leaders who are critical thinkers, entrepreneurial, and self-starters—the opposite of the school system.
- We are forging outliers who don't fit into the system, but break out of the system and think for themselves.
- We made all our kids start a business in their junior year of high school. It didn't matter what they did, but it had to incorporate enterprise: spending money for the product and making money by selling or working for something.
 - Anna made greeting cards that were so good that a store sold them for her.
 - Deborah followed with greeting cards that had edible paper!
 - Daniel sold chicken eggs and chain-sawed for people.
 - Samuel did piano lessons.
 - Isaac played baseball and won a college scholarship.
 - Josh began doing documentary videos.
 - Charity is doing piano lessons.

2. Build a critical thinker. Train discernment for truth.

- As I said earlier, the high schools our kids attend, not so much with charter, are more about indoctrination than education.
- Either you need to homeschool or put your kids in a great charter school, or you will have to do this at home on your own as you have time.
- This means you are talking about stuff—religion, politics, economics, and education, to your kids all the time. Share great conservative podcasts, bloggers, and a biblical perspective on things.
- **Send your young people to my EmpowerU broadcasts and Sunday morning classes.**
- **Send your kids to Summit for the summer courses they offer on Worldview.**

3. Build a world changer. Train outliers who don't just mimic the culture.

- **You want a young adult who has a vision for changing the world, not just fitting in.**
- The Road is all about “empowering people to change the world.”
- Don't allow your kids to have small goals. Think big. Dream big.
- Biographies can really aid you. Read great books about men and women who have made an impact in the world: Mother Teresa, William Wilberforce, Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Jr., William Carey, Hudson Taylor, Ronald Reagan, Winston Churchill, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, C.S. Lewis, G.K. Chesterton, Oswald Chambers, Billy Graham...

4. Build a courageous spirit. Train resiliency through facing difficulties.

- Allow your kids to go through difficulties! You can be a support without being the rescuer. Allow them to navigate difficulties and stand with them, but help them work it out themselves.

Winston Churchill, “Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”

- The more responsibility one takes on, the more meaning your life will have. Help them learn to navigate tough problems. Don't let them quit things. Stay in there and make the best of certain situations that are hard.
- Do something difficult and heroic! Send them on mission trips.
- Sports teams can help a lot!