



**EMBRACING
YOUR MISSION**

FOR THE FUTURE

Sermon Overview

Teaching the whole truth of the Christian faith to the next generation requires the home, school, and church to work together. Out of those three, the home and church are the most indispensable as they are the two most proper places for the next generation to learn and practice Biblical faith.

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The Importance of Truth

A survey of college students who walked away from their Christian faith showed that the number one reason for their rejection of the church was due to churches and pastors distancing themselves from biblical truth in favor of appeasement and entertainment.

The same study showed that these college students overall respected pastors and Christians with strong convictions, provided that they knew what they were talking about and didn't water down the truth. The watering down of the Christian message was ultimately a "turn-off" for these students.

This underscores the importance of continuing to teach Biblical truth, particularly to the next generation.

God created the Christian family as a beachhead on a mission force to retake Satanically occupied culture for the Kingdom of God. The Christian family is defined by its action as an agent of Christ's church to witness to the truth.

Psalm 128 outlines the blessings that a godly household can expect:

*Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways.
You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours.
Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;
your sons will be like olive shoots around your table.
Thus is the man blessed who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life;
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem,
and may you live to see your children's children.
Peace be upon Israel.*

PSALM 128

Contrary to the secularization of the Western church, we must place all aspects of life under the sovereign God, not just on Sundays, but every day of the week.

WALKING WITH GOD

Walking with God is a lifelong endeavor. Genesis 5:21-24 gives us an early model of what it means to walk with God in the figure of Enoch who “walked with God.”

*When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah.
And after he became the father of Methuselah,
Enoch walked with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters.
Altogether, Enoch lived 365 years.
Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.*

GENESIS 5:21-24

Hebrews 11:5 further says of Enoch that:

By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.

HEBREWS 11:5

1 Corinthians makes it clear that our faithful dedication to walking with God is significant:

*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.*

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

When we faithfully walk with God, we can expect that God will work all of our circumstances for our blessings and His glory, and that He will bless the next generation.