



# FAMILY Values

**Raise Em' Up**  
**January 4, 2026**

**Read Joshua 24:14–15.**

Joshua publicly commits his household to serving the Lord. In today's culture, what does it actually look like to make that same clear, uncompromising choice in your home? Where are you most tempted to stay quiet or avoid conflict when it comes to faith and values?

Family values are often caught more than they are taught. Based on everyday behaviors like how you react to the news, how you drive, how you treat waitstaff, how you talk about others, or how you use your phone, what messages are being passed down in your home? How does Proverbs 23:22–25 challenge or affirm what your children or grandchildren are learning from you?

The sermon listed four parenting joy killers: living through your child's accomplishments, overprotecting them from struggle, delaying responsibility, and taking too much credit or blame for how they turn out. Which one are you most prone to and why? How does trusting God's role in your child's life help you to avoid these mistakes?

Parenting is a journey from control to influence. Where is (or was) that transition most difficult for you—young children, teenagers, or adult children? How does Ephesians 6:1–4 help define the balance between authority, discipline, and encouragement?

Proverbs 13:20 says that those who walk with the wise become wise. How involved should parents and grandparents be in shaping their children's friendships? Where is the line between wise guidance and overreach? What lessons have you learned from friendships that helped or harmed you?

**Read Colossians 3:23 and 1 Timothy 5:8.**

Why does Scripture treat responsibility and work ethic as spiritual issues? How do these passages confront modern attitudes about entitlement, comfort, and avoiding hard work?

**Read 2 Timothy 1:5 and 3 John 4.**

What does it take to pass down a sincere, lasting faith across generations? How should parents respond when children resist, drift, or walk away from their faith?

The sermon warned against settling for raising "good" kids instead of disciples of Jesus. What are some signs that a family may be prioritizing morality, success, or comfort over true discipleship? What would it look like in practical terms for Christ and Scripture to truly be in the driver's seat of a home?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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