

The Battle for Your Child's Soul

Scriptures for Today

Ephesians 6:10-13

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

The Battle Is Real and Spiritual

Mother's Day usually becomes soft and sentimental, but the Bible shows us something much more serious. Raising children is not just about love. It's not just about providing shelter, food, water, and clothing. It's not just about getting them through life. It is a battle.

The Bible says we wrestle, and that word shows intensity, effort, and struggle. This is not casual. And it says we are not wrestling against flesh and blood, meaning the real fight is not just behavior, attitudes, or circumstances. The real battle is spiritual.

There is an enemy, and he is organized, intentional in his attacks, and active at all hours. Your children are not outside of that fight—they are right in the middle of it. So, this Mother's Day, it's very important that you leave here understanding that the enemy not only targets you but he targets your children.

The Enemy Is Targeting Your Children

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

The devil is not passive. He is seeking, which means he is looking for opportunity. He wants your children early, before truth is rooted in them.

He wants confusion instead of clarity, sin before conviction, and the world before the Word. If you think your children are not being targeted, you are already behind in the battle. I guarantee you they are being targeted.

When they are sent outside of your care to the wolves in this world, they are being targeted. And there are many evil workers out there targeting your children.

The World Is Not Neutral

Romans 12:2

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

The world is not sitting back waiting to see what your children become. It is shaping them constantly through what they see, hear, and experience. The world never quits. You might be tired but the world has a whole multitude of evil workers going up against you. They don't stop. They don't quit. You might be tired. You might give up. They don't.

Every influence is pushing them toward a certain way of thinking. If you are not actively shaping your child with truth, then the world is already doing it. There is no neutral ground in this. You can't sit back and hope the public schools teach them the right things. It's not happening.

They won't be learning the Bible in the public schools. They at least need to be in church learning the truth. They need to be off the phones and the electronic devices. They need to be listening to the truth in church at the very least.

A couple hours at church one day each week isn't going to overcome all the other messages that are being put into them every day. It doesn't work that way.

Passive Parenting Is Surrender

Many parents care deeply but fail to act. They hope things turn out for the good instead of training their children in the truth.

Proverbs 22:15

Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

Foolishness is already there. If you do nothing, it grows. Discipline is not cruelty; it is love. And I am not speaking of hitting your children and abusing them. I am speaking of proper discipline. It's not yelling and screaming at them all the time. That doesn't work. Discipline according to the Bible works.

If you do not discipline your child and train them in the correct ways to act, they won't know the right ways. Train up a child the right way. If not, you are setting your child up for a rough life.

Ignoring sin is not kindness; it is neglect. If you do not train your child, something else will—and that something else is not on your side.

The Soul Is the Real Issue

You can give your child everything this world values and still fail them. You can provide, support, and encourage them and still lose. Because the real issue is not their comfort or success—it is their soul.

Mark 8:36

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

If your child gains everything but never hears the truth and believes on Jesus Christ, nothing else matters. Eternity outweighs everything.

If your child becomes a doctor or a lawyer and makes \$500,000 per year but loses his own soul, what did that actually profit? It doesn't profit anything. Education in the systems of this world can be good, but not if the child loses his or her own soul.

Fight the Right Way

This is a spiritual battle, so it must be fought God's way. When we fight according to God's methods, we win. When we do things according to the world's methods, we lose.

John 17:17

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Truth is the weapon. Your children need the Word of God regularly and clearly. That's why this church is here. The church is right at the tip of spear in this battle for your child's soul.

Prayer is also part of the fight. A mother who prays consistently is doing more than she realizes. Discipline matters because love corrects, and example matters because children follow what you are more than what you say. If God is not real in your life, He will not be real in theirs.

If church isn't important to you, it most likely won't be important to them. And if church isn't important, there's going to be major issues that just keep piling up that will be ignored. And then they'll all hit at once and there won't be faith there to get them through.

That's why a mother with faith is so important in this battle. A mother with faith in God and Jesus Christ is far more powerful than a mother with anything else.

2 Timothy 1:5

When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

You are either fighting this battle or losing it. There is no standing still, because drifting always goes the wrong direction. Many families are not actively rejecting God — they are simply drifting away from Him, and that drift is enough to lose everything.

The Gospel Must Be Clear

At the center of all of this is the Gospel. Hear me on this, please. The Gospel is at the very center of this battle for your child's soul.

If you don't know how to clearly communicate the Gospel to your children, they won't get it. And they will be playing from way behind in this battle. And we would only hope that they make the comeback required later in their life.

You and your children **MUST** believe the Gospel to be saved or your souls will be lost forever. And you made it here today because God got you here. And He wants you to hear this message clearly as we finish this out today. Please listen harder than you've ever listened before.

1. We're all sinners. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."
2. The penalty for sin is death and hell. "For the wages of sin is death." If we had to pay for our sins, we would die and go straight to hell.
3. But God loves you, so He sent Jesus Christ to pay for all your sins. You don't pay. Jesus already paid for your sins. You can't pay. You don't have the payment. You're in debt.
4. Jesus went to the cross, died there, His body was buried, His soul was not left in hell. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree."
5. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.

Final Challenge

This is not just about being a good mother. This is about stepping into a real battle. You are shaping lives and influencing eternity. Do not be passive and just let things happen as they are happening.

Teach truth, live truth, pray, and stay faithful. And before you fight for your children's soul, make sure your own is settled. Have you believed on the Lord Jesus Christ? Because that is where the battle begins — and that is where victory starts.

Without believing on the Lord Jesus Christ alone to be saved, there is no victory.

Let's pray.