

Raising Godly Children In An Ungodly World

Ephesians 6:1-4 and Daniel

1) Teach our children to set their convictions before they face the choices:

Conviction: a fixed or firm belief. (Webster)

“purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself (Daniel 1:8).”

2) Teach our children to determine the risk factor in every situation:

Daniel 1:18-19; “Now at the end of the days, when the king had said that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. Then the king interviewed them, and among them all none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they served before the king.

3) Teach our children to develop friends who will stand with them:

4) Teach our children to stand on their decisions with courage:

Daniel 6:10-11; “Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his window open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days. Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.”

5) Teach our children the importance of depending on God every day:

v.24-25; “Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, “Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?” They answered and said to the king, “true, O king.” Look! He answered, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.”

6) Finally, the best way to train up your children is to be all these things yourself.