

WILL YOU BE THERE FOR ME? BOB MERRITT

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PROVERBS 22:15

Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but discipline will drive it out.

PROVERBS 22:6

Train a child in the way he should go.

EPHESIANS 6:4

Fathers, bring your children up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

DEUTERONOMY 6:7

Repeat God's commands to your kids.

PROVERBS 3:1-2

My son, keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life, bring you peace, and produce prosperity.

JAMES 1:12

Blessed is the person who perseveres under trial.

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GUIDE

PARENTS ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT INFLUENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE—NOT TV, INTERNET, TEACHERS OR EVEN

PEERS. Those things do have influence, but nothing trumps the influence of a parent to shape a child's life and point them in the right direction. This week, be there for your children by being consistent, training them up and staying engaged.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **1.** Think about your life at home. How consistent are you in your beliefs, values, and traditions? How has that impacted your relationships?
- 2. Have you planted trees where you are? Or are you always moving, bailing and jumping from person to person, job to job, state to state, church to church? How can you be more consistent in your home?
- **3.** Parents are responsible for training and teaching their kids. Because if they don't, the internet, TV and friends at school will. What are some practical ways you can teach your kids God's commands and train them in the way they should go?
- **4.** Read **James 1:12**. It's easy to stop engaging in our relationships when the going gets tough. Have you felt like that recently? How can you ensure that others know you will always be there for them, no matter what?

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

How has planting trees and putting roots down impacted your family? Share your story on social media using #ItTakesAVillage.

COMMIT TO MEMORY

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