

# HOW CAN I WIN THE BIG BATTLES? BOB MERRITT

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#### 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, mind your own business and work with your hands...so that you won't be dependent on anybody.

#### Proverbs 5:18-19

May you rejoice in the wife of your youth; a loving doe, a graceful deer—may her breasts satisfy you always, may you always be captivated by her love.

#### 1 Corinthians 6:18

Run from sexual sin. No other sin so clearly affects a person as this one does.

#### Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Hear, oh Israel, love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and strength. These commandments I'm giving you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children, talk about them when you sit at home, when you walk along the road, when you lie down and wake up.

#### **Deuteronomy 6:18**

Do what is right and good in the Lord's sight, so that it will go well with you.

#### Philippians 4:13

You can do all things through Christ who gives you the strength.

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## DISCUSSION



GUIDE

### BATTLES ARE INEVITABLE IN LIFE. EVERYONE HAS THEM, BUT DO YOUR KIDS KNOW HOW TO FACE THEM?

The risk of kids falling through the cracks and not being prepared for life are greater today than ever before. In today's world, kids face things like entitlement and dependence, sexual purity, underage drinking and owning their faith. Our job as parents is to help them win these battles so they'll succeed.

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. The goal of parenting is to, each year, make the dependency factor go down and make the responsibility factor go up. As a parent, are you enabling their dependency or are you helping increase their responsibility? What are some of the causes of increased dependency in kids today? How can you help increase responsibility within kids instead?
- 2. What are some safeguards you can put into place for guarding your kid's purity? In Bob's message, he said that he always told his kids that the greatest gift you can bring to your future spouse is your faith and your sexual purity. How can we, as parents, help instill this value in our own children?
- **3.** If we want our kids to love God and love others, we have to set the example ourselves. Read **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**. How are you currently modeling these verses in your house? How can you model them even better in the upcoming weeks?
- **4.** It's our responsibility as parents to impress God's commands on our kid's heart, but more often than not, parents rely on the one hour a week their child spends at church for this instead. Think of some ways that you can start to include more of God's word into the small, everyday things in life so it just becomes part of their life. Share with your group or another person how you plan to do this.

#### JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Share how you plan to help your kids win the big battles on social media using #ItTakesAVillage.

#### **COMMIT TO MEMORY**

For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13