

Text: 2 Chronicles 24:1-28; 2 Timothy 1:5, 3:10-17
Topics: Mentoring, Training Children
Series: Building Families God's Way

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Who's Passing the Mantle?

I. The Power of Influence (2 Chronicles 24:1-28)

An older person can be the godly influence a younger person needs.

II. The Power of Godly Heritage (2 Timothy 1:5; 3:15)

God uses Grans and parents to establish sincere faith in young people.

- 1) Represent well – *with ongoing testimony...*
- 2) Reference Biblical examples – *good and bad...*
- 3) Reveal the gospel – *Jesus is needed...*

III. The Power of a Godly Mentor (2 Timothy 3:10-11, 16-17)

God uses mentors and His Word to equip the next generation.

Will I be an equipper or an equipped, for the future of the Lord's church?

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Who (humanly) most influenced your establishment in the Christian faith? How?
2. Read Matthew 18:1-14. What is it about children that Jesus wanted His disciples to understand? (v. 1-4)

How does Jesus want children to be treated? (v. 5-10)

What particular concern for children does Jesus express? (v. 11-14)

List 2-3 practical ways adults in a family can apply what Jesus teaches here. What are 1-2 practical ways the local church can make application?
3. Read Mark 10:13-16. What was the response of the disciples to parents bringing children to Jesus? (This is after the scene in Matthew 18 above!)

What was Jesus' response toward what the disciples were doing?

What is your attitude toward children? More like the disciples, or like Jesus? Give some examples.

Why might it be hard for adults to have the same view of children as Jesus?
4. The apostles also use children to illustrate Biblical truth. What principles are taught in 1 Corinthians 14:20 and in 1 Peter 2:2?

Look back over the study above. Write the names of one or more children and/or young people that you think God would have you influence for Him.

How will you do it?
5. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?