

James 4:13-16 NLT

Look here, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit.” How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it’s here a little while, then it’s gone. What you ought to say is, “If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that.” Otherwise you are boasting about your own pretentious plans, and all such boasting is evil.

Prepare your kids for their future, not the future for your kids!

Psalm 127:3-5 NLT

Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him. Children born to a young man are like arrows in a warrior’s hands. How joyful is the man whose quiver is full of them! He will not be put to shame when he confronts his accusers at the city gates.

3 ways to prepare your kids for their future:

Let their dreams be their dreams

Ephesians 4:1,7 NLT

Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of *your calling*, for you have *been called* by God....He has given *each one of us a special gift* through the generosity of Christ.

Speak even the hard truth into their life

Ephesians 4:14-15 NLT

Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

Encourage them to stoke their passions

2 Timothy 1:6-7 NIV

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.