

# RELATIONSHIPS

**Series: "Relationships"**  
**Message: "Raising Good Kids Against Bad Odds"**  
**Text: Deuteronomy 6:1-7**  
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*"Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them."*  
Psalm 127:3-5 (TNIV)

## How To "Get Rid of Your Kids"

### 1. Hold on Tight: Commit to a Tough Process

*"His father had never rebuked him by asking, 'Why do you behave as you do?'"*  
1 Kings 1:6 (TNIV)

### 2. Aim: Provide the Direction

*"Discipline your children, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to their death."*  
Proverbs 19:18 (TNIV)

### 3. Motivate: Encourage More Than You Discourage

### 4. Release: Let Them Go

## Every Kid Needs to Have...

### 1. Give Them An Example To Follow

*"Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."*  
Joshua 24:14-15 (TNIV)

- Focus more on GOD than MVP or GPA

2. Give Them A Home to Run To, not Run From

*“Those who fear the Lord have a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge.”* Proverbs 14:26 (TNIV)

*“If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.”* Mark 3:25 (TNIV)

- Seek to understand, not just to be understood
- You can pay now or you will pay later

3. Give Them Priority Over Your Schedule

- Kids spell love TIME

4. Give Them The Benefit Of The Doubt