

The Greatest Influence

Helping the NextGen Win - Part 1

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Parents, God has made **YOU** the most **INFLUENTIAL PERSON** in your **CHILD'S LIFE**.

"⁴Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. ⁶And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. ⁷Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. ⁸Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. ⁹Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (NLT)

Dr. Gail Gross: "Our interactions with our parents form the crucible for our growth. Through these interactions, we learn what is good and bad, right and wrong, who we are and who we are to be. So, although your genes lay out a blueprint for your potential development, they do not determine the way in which you will grow. Instead, it is the environment your parents create that instructs and directs your genes by enhancing some and turning off others. In other words, parents are the true gene therapists. This means that your choices—what you say and don't say, what you do and don't do—strongly influence who your child becomes. You are a key co-author in the book of his life."

Parents, **YOU** are the best person for the **JOB**.

How do I help my kids win?

1. Put GOD FIRST in your own life.

- Know God
- Find Community
- Make a Difference
 - thebayouchurch.org/servetogether
- First Steps
- thebayouchurch.org/connect

2. Enlist your CHURCH to HELP you point your kids to God.

"⁴ ... We will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about His power and His mighty wonders. ... ⁷So each generation should set its hope anew on God." Psalm 78:4,7 (NLT)

Andy Stanley: "Your greatest contribution to the kingdom of God may not be something you do but someone you raise."