
New Year's Message 2024

A VISION FOR EQUIPPING THE NEXT GENERATION

Proverbs 31:1-10, 28-31

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Introduction: We want to empower families to go the distance with Jesus, following the promise of Matt. 16:18. Jesus promised that he would build his church, and in the future, he promised that the gates of hell would not prevail against it. We're standing on that promise with hope and faith. I want to take us back there this morning, first of all because God is blessing this impulse in our church in a big way right now, and second because the need now is greater now than ever before. Parents and grandparents face greater challenges today than ever before. The culture is challenging almost every presupposition that parents hold dear - from presuppositions about sexuality, to presuppositions about our role as parents, to presuppositions about the kind of culture we want to live in in the future. I suppose every generation senses the pressures of new challenges in parenting, but this generations' challenges are truly unique. So, this morning, I want to talk about the heart of the parent who equips their child to thrive in the next generation and go the distance with Jesus their whole life long.

1. **A passion for influence**

Proverbs 31:1

2. **An influence that warns**

Proverbs 31:2-7

3. An influence that inspires

Proverbs 31:8-9

4. Idea

5. Takeaways