

Raising Champions

Message Handout

Proverbs 22:6 (ESV) — 6 Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Psalms 127:3–4 (NLT) — 3 Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him. **4** Children born to a young man are like arrows in a warrior's hands.

Three Mechanisms of Training:

1. Training mechanism #1 - MODEL

1. **John 5:19 (NLT) — 19** So Jesus explained, "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. **He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does.**
2. Model Character
3. Model Spirituality
4. Model Passions
5. Be the person you wish them to be.

2. Training mechanism #2 - ENVIRONMENTS

1. **Matthew 4:1–2 (NLT) — 1** Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. **2** For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry.
2. Environment 1 - People
3. Environment 2 - Content
4. Environment 3 - Geography

3. Training mechanism #3 - LOGOS

1. **Matthew 3:16–17 (NLT) — 16** After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. **17** And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy."
2. Word 1 - **NO**: This word is the most powerful of them all when they are young; it is the resistance that trains them.
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4. Word 2 - **WOW**: This is the word of affirmation.
5. Word 3 - **TELL**: "Tell me," "I'm listening."