



Storm Strong Families' STRATEGIES

1 Thessalonians 5:6-22

Brent and Sue Thomas shared from personal experience a simple set of strategies for parents to shepherd and shape their kids.

- #1 Look AHEAD: **live intentionally** in light of Christ's return
- #2 Look UP: **submit** to the authorities around you
- #3 Look AROUND: **be aware** of those who need encouragement and help
- #4 Look IN: be **ready to learn** and be shaped by others

This message spoke to us about the importance of thoughtful living in relationship with others.

Let's get STARTED – what aspect of this teaching resonated quickly with you? PICK ONE of the following, COMPLETE the sentence, and SHARE your experience...

- "The prospect of Jesus' momentary, personal return _____."
- "Learning to be in submission to the authorities God has placed in my life has _____."
- "Recently, God's Spirit helped me notice someone who _____."
- "One key thing God has taught me through others has been _____."

Let's EXPLORE in the WORD To get in the Word, let's explore a passage dealing with each of the "Look(s)" above.

A **storm-strong family** has the humility and courage to listen to God, believe His revelation, and use His wisdom.

In so doing, the Lord will build their house, to their joy and to His glory.

How does this passage HELP ME LIVE INTENTIONALLY in light of the Lord's return?

MATTHEW 24:36-44

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How does this passage shape my attitude when it comes to OBEYING THE AUTHORITIES God places in my life?

ROMANS 13:1-7

How does this passage keep me ALERT TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS?

ROMANS 15:1-7

How does this passage encourage me TO BE TEACHABLE?

COLOSSIANS 3:15-17

Let's Prioritize APPLICATION - This has been a practical approach to family life. Helping family members to become "storm-strong" through thoughtful, intentional living, through exemplary submission, having eyes to encourage and help, and ready to learn.

- What kind of discussion about these "Look" principles would be timely in your home? ANSWER this thoughtfully, and...

PRAY TOGETHER – *Christ Community Church has a focus on "family enrichment." As we plan for a Fall 2019 emphasis on this, please pray that the Holy Spirit will powerfully bring families together!*