

Raising William Wallace

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The Father Burden

Trembling at the call of raising a boy up to be a man

The Deficiency

Can you possibly train a boy to go beyond where you as a man are at?

The Impossible Task

It's hard enough to just be a Christian man.

The Six Arenas of the Christian Man's Life

1. **God.** A Heaven-come-to-earth devotional life with his God (Biblical Study and Prayer)
2. **Wife.** An Fairy-tale intimate relationship with his wife
3. **Kids.** World-class investment into the lives of his children
4. **Friends/Family.** Kind, consistent, honorable and thoughtful remembrance and service unto his friends and extended family members
5. **Business.** Uncompromising Excellence and Diligence in his business dealings and financial investments

6. **Ministry.** Hudson Taylor-like givenness to the preaching of the Gospel and the practical rescue of the lost, the dying, the orphans, and the widows around him

Pick Your 2.5 Arenas

For you must face the facts that it is impossible to do it all

The Two Facts to Face

1. The Facts of Natural Law (the Impossible is simply impossible)

With men this is impossible . . .

Matthew 19:26

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Mark 10:27

2. The Facts of Heavenly Law (With God nothing is impossible)

With God nothing shall be impossible.

Luke 1:37

With God all things are possible.

Matthew 19:26

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building an everyday boy into a man who alters the course of history

1. **The Boy of Unimpeachable Honor** - not just a well-mannered boy, but a truly noble boy who behaves with regal honor and heavenly decorum.

2. **The Boy of Uncompromising Restraint** - not just a boy who can treat a girl with respect, but preserve her with his every thought.
3. **The Boy Ever-Prepared for Disaster** - not just a boy scout, but one ready to endure the most extreme privations, difficulties, and sufferings with adroitness and enthusiasm.
4. **The Boy of Unflinching Gospel Force** - not just a boy that prays a salvation prayer, but one who brings the full gospel to the nations and refuses to stop preaching even when threatened with death.
5. **The Boy Fit for Battle** - not just a boy that looks sculpted in the mirror, but one built strong and fit to tackle the most formidable obstacles of physical challenge.
6. **The Boy Skilled for Every Task** - not just a boy that knows how to use his iPhone, but one that is built to problem solve and practically help in any and every situation.
7. **The Boy Who Knows What it Means to Be a Man** - not just a boy that understands the distinctions of maleness, but one who fully understands and embraces the extraordinarily difficult calling of heavenly manhood.

Remember . . .

With men this is impossible . . . with God all things are possible.

Matthew 19:26

The Levels of Training

- Bad
- Poor

- Mediocre
- Decent
- Good
- Great

Expanding our Vision

- Good
- Great
- World Impacting
- Altering the Course of History (a.k.a. - Changing the World)

The Endless Frontier

Parenting from a whole new paradigm

Change-the-World Parenting

The Modern Mentality

Poor Parenting vs. Good Parenting

The Serious Christian Mentality

Good Parenting vs. Great Parenting

The “Raising William Wallace” Mentality

Great Parenting vs. Change-the-World Parenting

Introducing Grace

The secret to Raising William Wallace

Grace

But **by the grace of God** I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but **I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.**

1 Corinthians 15:10

For by **grace** are you saved . . .

Ephesians 2:8

Grace is not just evidenced at the Cross, but has been made eternally available through the Cross. This Grace is Ever-Present, Always Available, Always Accessible, Amazingly Sufficient for Every Good Work, Potently Efficacious, and Divinely Effective in Procuring its Ends

Let us therefore come boldly unto **the throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy, and find **grace** to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

The Eleven Strengths of Israel

Do we know how far we have fallen?

For behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, takes away from Jerusalem and from Judah the supply and the support, the whole supply of bread and the whole supply of water; the mighty man and the man of war, the judge and the prophet, and the prudent and the elder; the captain of fifty and the

honorable man, the counselor and the skillful artisan, and the eloquent orator.

Isaiah 3:1-3

The Supply and the Support

The whole supply of Bread and Water

I (Jesus) am the bread of life.

John 6:35,48

and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:4

The Loss of the Eleven Strengths

The Entire Supply and Support of Bread and Water in Israel

1. The Mighty Man
2. The Man of War
3. The Judge
4. The Prophet
5. The Prudent
6. The Elder
7. The Captain of 50
8. The Honorable Man
9. The Counselor
10. The Skillful Artisan
11. The Eloquent Orator

Jesus is the Supply and Support of Israel

He is Grace

When the Eleven Strengths are Removed from Israel

Foolishness will reign

I will give children to be their princes, And babes shall rule over them.
The people will be oppressed, Every one by another and every one by his neighbor; The child will be insolent toward the elder, And the base toward the honorable.

Isaiah 3:4-5

The Eleven Strengths - Have they departed from the Church?

Capsizing Intelligence

Trading in the birthright for a bowl of laughter

The Acceptance of Mediocrity

Subsiding into silence and allowing defeat to reign

For my people are foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish (foolish) children, and they have no understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

Jeremiah 4:22

The Re-education of Eric Ludy

The Return of the Grown in Israel

The Return of the Eleven Strengths to Israel

The End Goal of all Godly Parenting

1. **The Man of Faith** - *The Mighty Man (The Believing Man - who takes God's Word as Truth and stands unflinchingly upon its promises.)*
2. **The Man of Action** - *The Man of War (The Ready Man - ready for disaster or privation, ready to go, ready to rescue, ready to give, ready to act, ready for war)*
3. **The Man of Fact** - *The Judge (The Arbitrator, The Decision-Maker, The Man of Scripture-Truth)*
4. **The Man of Words** - *The Prophet (The Speaker, The Teacher, The Communicator of Truth)*
5. **The Man of Practical Wisdom** - *The Prudent (The Wise, the Set-Apart and Properly Guarded, The Circumspect, The Watchful, The Master of Efficiency)*
6. **The Man of History** - *The Elder (Those of History, Those of Sagacity, Those of old who possess perspective and wisdom)*
7. **The Man of Leadership and Responsibility** - *The Captain of 50 (Those made strong to Guide, as husbands, as fathers, as elders, as pastors)*
8. **The Man of Honor** - *The Honorable Man (The Spirit-Governed, The Noble, The Heavenly-Mannered)*
9. **The Man of The Gospel** - *The Counselor (The Gospelteer, The Evangelist, The Man with Truth ready upon His life and lips)*
10. **The Man of Skillful Artistry** - *The Skillful Artisan (The Master Craftsman, The Chief Musician)*
11. **The Man of Intercession** - *The Eloquent Orator (The Man of Prayer, The Man of Intercession, The Man Ready to Give, The Man Made Strong to Serve)*

What if These Eleven Men Were our Teachers?

It takes a whole village to raise a child.

African Proverb

It takes the strength of an entire Body to build “change-the-world” children.

Windsorian Proverb

What if These Eleven Strengths Returned to the Church?

Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known **by the church the manifold wisdom of God**, according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 3:7-11

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Seven Things We Must Once Again Impart to our Boys

- 1. Honorable Behavior** (everything from basic respect to personal hygiene; from cleanliness to honorable clothing; from being the first to suffer, to being the last to eat)

*What if we taught noble manhood
instead of just good manners?*

- 2. Sexual Excellence** (everything that is appropriate in dealing with girls: guarding the mind, handling temptation, monitoring the inner thought life)

*What if we taught the idea of protecting,
preserving, and promoting purity rather than
just teaching physical abstinence?*

3. **Preparation for Disaster** (extreme living, readiness for action, readiness to die, readiness to rescue, readiness to give, readiness to thrive in difficult conditions)

*What if we taught rescue skills
instead of just survival skills?*

4. **Spiritual Leadership** (Initiative in spiritual matters, being the man in prayer and devotion, first sufferer in all things)

*What if we taught true devotion unto Christ
instead of just leading them in a salvation prayer?*

5. **Physical Training** (excellence in physical health, muscular strength, and cardiovascular endurance)

*What if we taught physical health as an instrument
to undergird and sustain calling, readiness, and rescue
and not just for looking good in the mirror?*

6. **Special Skill Training** (the ability to speak, write, listen, build, fix, problem solve, critically think, research, study, invent, etc.)

*What if we trained boys to be excellent in knowledge and skill
in order that they would prove more effective in changing
this world for Jesus Christ and not just so that
they would have a money-making trade?*

7. **Husbandhood, Fatherhood, and Social Leadership** (excellence in the home and in the public sector)

What if we trained boys to be extraordinary in their future

*manly roles of responsibility rather than just have them figure
it out for themselves when the day comes?*

The Sacred Twenty

It takes twenty years to prepare a sermon because it takes twenty years to
make a man.

E.M. Bounds

Since Twenty Years Goes By Fast . . .

1. Think Impossible
2. Think Body
3. Think Grace