



WEEK FOUR

MARK 12:41-44

The Widow's Offering

SAY
THIS

Practice living for God.

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MORNING TIME

Think of a goal your child has. Maybe something they are showing commitment on. When you see your child in the morning, let the first thing you say to them be encouragement about their goal! "Good morning! I think it is awesome you are so committed to _____. I can't wait to see how God uses this talent in you."

REMEMBER THIS

"Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come."
1 Timothy 4:8, NIV

LIFE
APP

COMMITMENT – Making a plan and putting it into practice

LITTLE IS THE NEW BIG

by Jon Acuff

Every kid needs to have a little fun. No, they need a lot of fun. Kids are wired for fun. The truth is that giving your kids fun over time helps prove to a kid you like them.

The funny thing about having big fun with your kids is that it doesn't take a big moment. Have you ever noticed that? The times you planned something expensive and complicated with your kids, they barely blinked an eye. The time you washed the car in your driveway, threw sponges at each other, and they talked about it forever.

Why does that happen?

I think it's the "cardboard box" effect. Every parent has had one of those moments when your child ignores the present you got them and instead goes gaga for the box it comes in. "No," you think to yourself, "that's just a cardboard box. The actual toy lights up and has laser beam sounds and is amazing." But your toy protests go ignored as they chew on their new favorite object on the planet.

The cardboard box effect continues as they get older and starts to apply to experiences, not just presents. I have forgotten week-long vacations

as a child but still remember the night my dad put his hand in the Jell-O® at dinner. My brothers and I lost our minds as he scooped out a big red handful of dessert as if it were the most normal thing in the world.

We had big fun because he did something little.

In your pursuit to have fun with your kids, don't put big pressure on yourselves.

Certainly there are moments that call for elaborate and detailed adventures, but little moments matter too.

A little trip to a bakery before school, a little water balloon fight, a little hand in the Jell-O—those are the fun kind of little moments that add up to big memories.

Cue: Do something little this week to have big fun with your kids, because fun over time proves to a kid you like them.

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