

No. 22 Be a Courageous . . . (Symposium)
 -Parent

[PLEASE NOTE: This talk includes a video. After the video is shown,
use it to illustrate the points that follow]

WHY PARENTS NEED COURAGE (1 min.)

If you are a parent, we commend you for your efforts to provide for
your family materially and spiritually

The world puts pressure both on parents and on children (1Jo 2:16)

You need courage to protect your family's spirituality

In the following video, note how a parent responded when faced with a
choice that called for courage

VIDEO (2 min.)

HOW PARENTS CAN CULTIVATE AND DISPLAY COURAGE (5 min.)

Reflect prayerfully on the future that you want for your children

No doubt you want them to grow up to become mature, happy servants of
Jehovah (3Jo 4)

If so, you must act courageously and direct your children 'in the way
they should go' (Pr 22:6; Ps 127:4; w13 8/15 17 ¶2)

Provide loving discipline when needed (Pr 13:24; g 4/15 6-7)

Study the Bible with your children (w15 11/15 4, box)

Resist pressures that threaten to interfere with family worship

Set a courageous example; your children will likely imitate you

When David killed Goliath, King Saul asked: "Whose son is this boy?"

[Read 1 Samuel 17:55]

Saul likely concluded that David had learned courage from his
father, Jesse (*it*-2 855)

Show by example that spiritual things are your priority

Ask yourself, 'Do I help my family focus on spiritual goals rather
than on secular and financial goals?'

Encourage your children to trust in Jehovah and pursue the
full-time ministry

Avoid the unscriptural view that children should provide their
parents with a life of ease (2Co 12:14b; w17.05 9 ¶4)

Your courageous actions will bring blessings both to you and to your
children (1Jo 2:17)

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