



Part 4: The Relay of Life

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2 Timothy 1:13-14 (NLT) Hold on to the pattern of wholesome teaching you learned from me—a pattern shaped by the faith and love that you have in Christ Jesus. 14 Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, carefully guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to you.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Psalms 78:5-8 (NLT) For he issued his laws to Jacob; he gave his instructions to Israel. He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, 6 so the next generation might know them even the children not yet born—and they in turn will teach their own children 7 So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands 8 Then they will not be like their ancestors—stubborn, rebellious, and unfaithful, refusing to give their hearts to God.

PASSING THE BATON

1. We must pursue the INFLUENCE of others upon our life.

Proverbs 13:20 Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.

2. Life transformation is the result of teaching, MODELING and coaching.

1 Corinthians 4:16 NKJV Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

3 John 1:11a Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good.

❖ We teach what we know but we reproduce who WE ARE.

Matthew 7:17-20 Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

❖ The goal is not to be perfect but CONSISTENT.

Joshua 1:6-9 Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. 7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

❖ Jesus led based on His transparent "WITNESS."

3. Passing the baton is not a burden to carry but a GIFT to give away.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

**All scriptures are from the NIV translation unless otherwise noted.*