

- Likewise, the object that God has chosen to launch our children into His perfect will, would be us!

Not only does the arrow need to be propelled by the bow,  
but it also needs to be propelled  
by a **skilled person**.

- We refer this person as the \_\_\_\_\_ or the “ \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_,” and this represents us as parents.
  - As the archer, we must be skilled in using our arrows through daily practice and study.
  - As the archer, we must be reasonable with our expectations.
  - As the archer, we must understand that our children, like arrows, **can go where we cannot!**

# RAISING Arrows

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**Psalm 127:3-5** *Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. 4 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. 5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.*

There are several reasons why we as parents, should take the time to study Biblical childrearing:

- Because whether we know what the Biblical perspective for childrearing is or not, our children will learn from us (good or bad) one way or the other
- Because children can be a source of great discouragement and displacement if they are not raised in the nurture and admonition of the Lord
- Because an untrained, neglected child can cause great stress to a family
- Because untrained children can cause us to do less than we did before for the Lord

## BUT WHY DID GOD COMPARE CHILDREN SPECIFICALLY TO ARROWS?

Here are **FOUR** facts about arrows that should give us clarity as to why God would compare children to them.

### 1. Arrows are a \_\_\_\_\_ tool.

- They don't come ready made.
- Raw material is put together by the hand of a skillful person which then turns those raw materials into something spectacular.
  - Our children come into this world raw.

- Forming effective arrows takes time, it's not an \_\_\_\_\_ wonder.
  - Some parents just want to dip into their parent mode here or there and expect their children to be something for God.
  - We have often heard the phrase "You can't get the product without the process".
- Parents, we are responsible for forging the arrows that God has gifted to us.
  - Do not be afraid put those arrows in situations that will help them be efficient for God!

**Proverbs 22:6** *Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

How well are we preparing our children for God?  
Remember, we are **raising arrows!**

## 2. Arrows are a \_\_\_\_\_ tool.

- The Definition of purposeful is "full of meaning; significant, having a purpose."
- Just as each part of the arrow is purposefully designed, God also gives us our children with a specific purpose in mind.
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ is the primary structural element of the arrow in which all other components are attached.
    - The shaft represents the core foundation or identity of our children.
    - The shaft is useless unless the archer takes time to add on the other parts of the arrow.
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ is the attachment point to the bow and the archer.
    - First, with us their parents
    - Second, with others
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ stabilizes the arrow during flight by causing it to spin as it leaves the bow. This is equivalent to a spiral spin that a quarterback uses.

- The fletching helps to create a straight and balanced flight.
- This same balance is imperative to have in our children.

**1 Peter 1:15-16** *But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 because it is written, be ye holy; for I am holy."*

- Then, we have the \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - The arrow tip is the point of impact. The reason why that arrow exists is to pierce its target.
  - The arrow tip can be likened to the purpose we instill in our children to live for God.
- Remember, arrows come in all shapes and sizes. Some have plastic vanes, while others have actual feathers. They can have different tips. They can be different lengths. Some are designed for target competition, while others are designed for hunting.

**Psalms 139:14** *I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.*

## 3. Arrows are a \_\_\_\_\_ tool.

- They are carried around in a quiver to be protected.
- As an archer protects his arrows by carrying them in a quiver, likewise, we should protect our children.
- Our children are very moldable. They are very vulnerable and need to be protected.

## 4. Arrows are a \_\_\_\_\_ tool

- This would mean that it needs to be propelled by another object.
- As the arrow, children are meant to be launched into a life of full commitment to the Lord.
- The object of choice to propel an arrow is the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The bow represents the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ we will use in propelling our children for God.