

T O U G H QUESTIONS



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

How to F.I.G.H.T. for Your Family

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"Don't be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes!" *Nehemiah 4:14 NLT*

F – Faith First

"In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success." *Proverbs 3:6 TLB*

A healthy home begins when God is not just invited in, but placed first.
Teach your children who God is, what His Word says, and how to live it out.

The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives. *Deuteronomy 14:23 TLB*

And this memorial pillar I have set up will become a place for worshiping God, and I will present to God a tenth of everything He gives me. *Genesis 28:22 NLT*

I – Invest in your marriage.

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. *Ephesians 5:31-33 ESV*

"Marriage is just two people taking turns being the one who's wrong." –Nate Bargatze

G – Guard your family with prayer and firm boundaries.

"I placed armed guards behind the lowest parts of the wall in the exposed areas. I stationed the people to stand guard by families, armed with swords, spears, and bows." *Nehemiah 4:13 NLT*

- Guard against resentment, secret sin, and corrupt influences.
- Guard your marriage — don't let emotional distance or outside voices pull you apart.
- Guard your kids' hearts — monitor what they consume and who shapes their worldview.

"If you don't guard it, the enemy will take it." –Someone Said it

H – Hold on to God's promises for your family.

For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. *2 Corinthians 1:20 NKJV*

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But the LORD says . . . I will fight those who fight you, and I will save your children.

Isaiah 49:25 NLT

All your children shall be taught by the LORD, And great shall be the peace of your children.

Isaiah 54:13 NKJV

The godly walk with integrity; blessed are their children who follow them.

Proverbs 20:7 NLT

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19 NKJV

"God never made a promise that was too good to be true." -D.L. Moody

T - Trust God!

But when I am afraid, I will put my trust in You. I praise God for what He has promised. I trust in God, so why should I be afraid? *Psalms 56:3-4 NLT*

"Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious, and fight for your family." *Nehemiah 4:14 NLT*