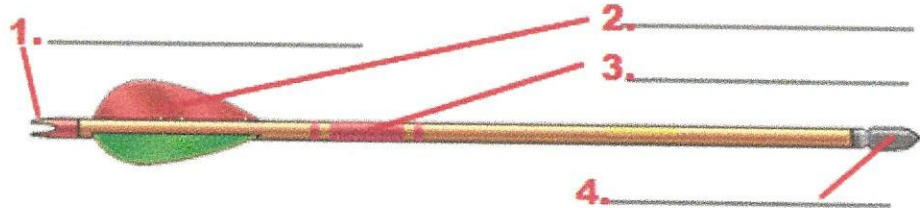


AIMING ARROWS INTO ADULTHOOD

“Behold, children *are* a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb *is* a reward.
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So *are* the children of one’s youth.
Happy *is* the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed,
But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.” --Psalm 127:3-5

REMEMBER: Your children are arrows, not boomerangs. You only get ONE SHOT at raising them!

4 PARTS OF AN ARROW:



1. NOCK: the end-part of the arrow that secures it to the string

- Represents a secure family bond, and strong relationships between parents and child.
- We’re called to be PARENTS, not just FRIENDS; however, healthy parent/adult-child friendships will keep them close (even if far away). Establish family traditions. Work together. Play together.
- Without a close relationship, you may very seldom see your child after her or she leaves home.
- Frequently remind your child of their godly heritage or of the new-legacy you are establishing.
- **Proverbs 22:28** “Do not remove the ancient landmark Which your fathers have set.”

2. FLETCHING: the 3-vanes that spin the arrow for stability and accuracy in flight

- Represents your child’s personal relationship with the Lord.
- Train your kids to walk with God and to fellowship with Him. The Lord’s presence will keep your young adults on target as they “fly.” – Train them to go on daily prayer walks to “walk with God.”
- **Isaiah 30:21** “Your ears shall hear a voice behind you saying, ‘This is the way, walk in it...’”
- Train your child to enjoy frequent fellowship with other believers, for encouragement and focus.
- Your spiritual walk is a growing relationship with God. Remember: **Desire, Discipline, Delight.**

3. SHAFT: the spine of the arrow that must be straight and strong

- Represents the strong Word of God, deeply instilled (hidden) in the heart of your child.
- The shaft of the arrow must be straight and aligned, to keep it from veering off-course.
- **Psalms 119:9, 11** (NASB) “How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word . . . With all my heart I have sought you ... Thy word have I treasured in my heart.”
- “Hide” God’s word in your children’s hearts – through songs, memorization, Bible reading plans.
- A slight “bend” is normal in the shaft, as the arrow is released, but it straightens itself out in flight.

4. ARROWHEAD: the sharp point that hits the chosen target

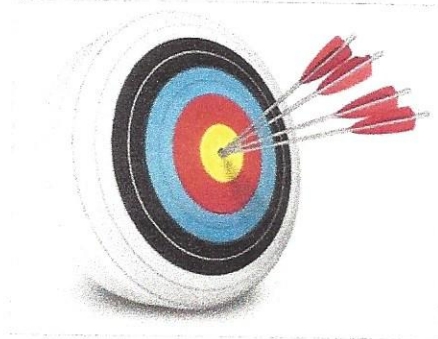
- Represents your child’s unique calling and life-purpose.
- There are many arrowhead designs, each crafted for specific targets and purposes.
- **Proverbs 22:6** “Train up a child in the way [in the individual gift or bent] he should go...”
- **Ephesians 2:10** “We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God has prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

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Are we aiming for self-centered targets or are we focused on worldly priorities?

- For our kids to have a fun and happy life?
- For our kids to be smart, successful, or rich?
- For our kids to fulfill the American dream?
- For our kids to sit still and clean in church?
- For our kids to be "good little kids"?
- For our kids to be kept safe and protected?
- For our kids to grow up to be homeschoolers?
- For our kids to grow up and to live nearby?
- For our kids to make us look good?

Or are we seeking God for His targets and His eternal purposes?



- For our kids to be holy (set apart), by His grace
- For our kids to be blessed . . . to be a blessing
- For our kids to live for God's kingdom purpose
- For our kids to be servant and leaders for God
 - **strong sons** (godly men)
 - **daring daughters** (godly women)
- For our kids to fulfill God's will for their lives
- For our kids to grow up to love and obey God
- For our kids to live wherever God calls them
- **For our kids to GLORIFY GOD!**

- **I Corinthians 11:1** 1 – 11 – 1
- **II Timothy 2:2** 2 – 2 – 2
- **Psalms 144:12** 12x12=144

"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ."
"Commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others."
"That our sons may be as olive plants, grown up in their youth, that our daughters may be pillars, sculptured in palace style."

- **I Timothy 4:12**

"Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity."



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