

## Letter from the founder

Dear Friend,

It is an exciting time to be a Christian family!

As you know, the culture we live in continues to 'slouch its way to Gomorrah.' Christian pollster George Barna reports, and many pastors and Christian leaders confirm, that our fellow citizens and churchgoers no longer know the difference between right and wrong. The secularizing, egalitarian forces have succeeded in leveling - by diminishing all - our most influential institutions. Entertainment. The Media. Government public schools. Universities. Even, sadly, the Church. In each of these great culture-shapers, the Humanist worldview dominates, the Christian worldview reclines (that's not a typo). In one 'sign of the apocalypse,' there are reports from all over the country that even in many evangelical churches, Christian homeschool families are considered a *problem!* What's wrong with that picture?

Can you see why I'm so excited?

Not yet? Here's why. God is still sovereign. He is still protecting and nurturing the remnant. There are signs everywhere that God's people now hunger for Him. Family-integrated churches are forming. Youth pastors are questioning whether traditional 'youth ministry' works. Classical Christian schools are growing in size and number. Christians continue (slowly) to become more politically involved. God is raising up exciting new ministries like Vision Forum, TeenPact, Worldview Academy, and many others.

Here's another example: two million children are homeschooled in America. Many of these children have been homeschooled all their lives. Some will soon begin schooling their children. Do you know what this means? It means that the first generation of homeschool parents, struggling against long odds as pioneers, are now handing the baton to their sons and daughters. These sons and daughters have learned Truth. They have real parents. They have a spiritual heritage. These children - our children - have received blessings we can only imagine. Soon we will see the blessing spring to life, as THEIR children grow in the fullness of grace, and love, and truth.

FamilyVision is committed to that generation. We earnestly seek to train their grandparents (you!) and their parents (your teens) to impact the culture for Christ. We want to give your grandchildren parents and grandparents who can out-think, out-love, and out-fight our opponents. We are praying that God will help us raise a generation of mighty men and women of faith. We are praying that once again there will be 'giants in the land.' All our conferences and seminars are designed to that end: pursuing a 'Spectacular Marriage' that your children and others will want to emulate; 'Developing a Family Vision' that excites and motivates your children and others to action; and the 'uLead' conference for Teens, inspiring and equipping them to make a difference in their family, church, and community - right now!

Mom, have you wondered where the 'Titus women' have been all these years you have struggled? Men, have you wondered where the 'Elders' were? Where are those older 'wise ones,' men and women who have fought the good fight, have raised Christian families, and have walked with God for 30, 40, 50 years? I mean the ones who have really wrestled with the hard issues of life, filtering their experiences through a Biblical worldview. I have asked those questions to friends and acquaintances all over the country for more than 20 years. No one knows where these precious saints are. It has slowly dawned on me that *we* are the wise ones, in the process of becoming wise. We must not grow weary of well doing. We must press on, working and planning for those future generations, and for the glory of God! It is critical that we make the very most of this opportunity. **Most of all, we must reproduce and multiply our faith and commitment.** This is an exciting time. Join us in the battle, won't you?

Building Families and Training Leaders,

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