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Tammy has the heart of a teacher, the spirit of an entrepreneur, and the soul of a mother. Growing up on a guest ranch gave her a love for people, instilled a strong

work ethic, and exposed her to many cultures. Her greatest desire is to help parents see their children as God has created them and not as the world has defined them. For over 25 years, her involvement in the home school community has allowed her to use her passion and experience together to help parents with out-of-the-box learning solutions. Tammy is formerly a performer, life skills instructor, and program developer for summer camps

Tammy believes our children should not be defined by their difficulties, but that we should find a learning process that will lead them to success. She wants to help parents seek solutions outside the world's norm and look past the diagnosis to see how a child's unique abilities could be applied to the life God has planned for them.



In today's environment there are many different influences that try to tell us the best way to raise a child. Often times these influences focus on society's needs and not the childs, coming from a materialistic perspective rather than a spiritual one. The voices of so many who influence our parenting are ignoring the foundational truths such as right and wrong, compassion for humanity, and the importance of community. It is critical we find and nurture the best influences for our children so they develop a strong character and sense of self.

Book Summary

Now you can glean wisdom from "warrior," author, mother, and teacher, Tammy Largin, who masterfully integrates biblical parenting and arrow making concepts with personal anecdotes of raising her daughter "differently."

In the pages of *Children Are Like Arrows in the Hands of a Warrior*, you will find both overarching parenting principles and nitty-gritty details, including:

- Embracing God's love for yourself and your children so you can help them find love and faith.
- Integrating a newborn into your mobile lifestyle and doing life with your children.
- Modeling biblical decision-making skills so your children learn to make smart choices as early as possible.
- Developing age-appropriate manners and communication skills.
- Instilling freedom in your children without allowing them to control your household.
- Bolstering your children's confidence, equipping them to do whatever God calls them to do through the appropriate skills and community.
- Shaping your child to be a person of service in a world of self-focus and so much more.

With useful tips both called out and listed at the end of each chapter, you will refer to this informative book again and again. Any parent of grown children will tell you that "release day" comes faster than you ever thought possible—so start preparing today!



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Christ made the final choice to die for our sins—God did not force Him. God calls us to remember that choice, and as stewards of our children, we need to step back and allow them to choose to go wherever they feel God has called them. In obedience, we then surrender our children's lives at present and in the future as a form of worship, being thankful for the opportunity to train up a warrior of God.

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Like arrows in his quiver, we were with my dad as he included us in both the work and the rewards. He knew that it was not wise to hide the stresses of everyday life from us. If we didn't see difficulties growing up, how were we going to learn to face them head on and not skirt the problems Satan throws our way?

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Our fears as parents can delay the calling that Christ has for our children. **Callings** aren't just for adults; they actually start to develop at birth. And God had each child and his or her calling in mind long before each child was even conceived.

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Helping your children discover answers to the questions about what they want to do when they grow up can lead to more questions. Your part is to stay in God's Word and ask for His help to show you out-of-the-box solutions.

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Making history with your children is important to help them develop their personalities and learn about the world around them. Plan trips and events that will widen their experiences and show them different cultures.

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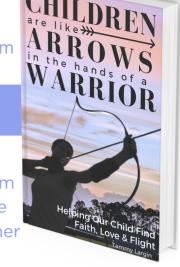
When we ask for help from others gifted in a particular area, not only are we blessed by the knowledge we receive, but others are blessed as they share their talents. **Teach** your children that asking for help is not adding to their weaknesses, but instead, let them know that they are giving God a chance to use others as a blessing. Using our gifts, talents, and experiences to bless others are good tools in our toolboxes.



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We need to fill our children's minds with knowledge and help them learn how to teach themselves to apply that knowledge, using the tools they have been taught, so that they can gain wisdom. In other words, we need to teach them how to fail successfully.



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I didn't want to rear my child focusing on imperfections, because I knew He made each of us special with different focuses, abilities, creative levels, and physical limitations so that we can complement one another.

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Let your children pray for you because, for out of the mouths of babes come peace and understanding for both them and you. **Teach them to give Him thanksgiving in every turn of life—good or bad—explaining that His plan is so much better than ours, even when we can't see past our curtain of circumstances.**

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Asking questions about children's lives without giving input is a skill as a parent that I had to learn. **Just listening, without your phone in hand, shows that what is important to them is important to you.** Give them a chance to vent, to tell their side of a story, or to talk through the process of solution. Your attention to them shows them that you recognize they are growing up and trying to apply logic to the situations they are facing.

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How do we teach our children to be strong in the Lord so that they become the warriors they were created to be? First, we show them His Word and the power found within.

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In His Word, she began to see how everyone goes through dark times, and that those times are just part of the journey that makes us cling closer to Jesus. **Showing the Bible without the darkness diminishes the importance of the light.**

Questions

- 1. Tell us a little bit about your book, *Children* are Like Arrows in the Hands of a Warrior?
- 2. What do you think was the driving force that led you to write this book?
- 3. Can you tell us why God calls children arrows in Psalm 127:4? Does that make us the warrior?
- 4. How did you learn about arrows enough to see the comparison?
- 5. In your book, *Children are like Arrows in the Hands of a Warrior*, you say that the gift isn't just the child, but the parenting, what do you mean?
- 6. Your book talks a lot about choice, how does giving your children choice represent biblical parenting?
- 7. In your book, you tell us to not refer to our older children as teenagers, but to refer to them as young adults. Isn't "teenager" just a name?
- 8. Today, many of our children are addicted to technology. Do you have any suggestions to help parents break this addiction?
- 9. To all those parents struggling to raise their children in a biblical worldview, do you have any words of wisdom to share?
- 10. In your book you say release day comes faster than expected. What is release day?