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What do You do When the Torch is Dropped?
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Ps 71:17-18

*Since my youth, O God, you have taught me,
and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.
18 Even when I am old and gray,
do not forsake me, O God,
till I declare your power to the next generation,
your might to all who are to come.*

Ps 127:4-5

Like arrows in the hands of a warrior
are sons born in one's youth.
5 Blessed is the man
whose quiver is full of them.

**What do you do when you have an adult or young adult child
living spiritually off target?**

1) Realize that there are no Perfect parents.

1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

2) While you may have lost direct control you haven't lost all your influence.

a) Pray!

b) Model a life marked by God's grace

Proverbs 20:30 *"Sometimes it takes a painful situation to make us change our ways."*

c) Like the prodigal's father never give up hope.

3) Remember your child has a free will.

Prov 22:6

*Train a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he will not turn from it.*