

What to Do When Your Adult Child Walks Away From God

Jim Burns says being a parent is a calling that never quits. And in more ways than one, he says, it becomes even more chaotic after your children reach the age of 18.

As the president of HomeWord, the executive director of the HomeWord Center for Youth and Family at Azusa Pacific University and the father of two grown children, Burns helps parents of adult children with complicated issues. These include helping bringing your kids back to faith, which can be a tricky but crucial task.

"I have found that so many, many people, especially within the Christian world, have felt kind of a silent shame because their kids had violated their values or they had strayed from faith, and they didn't really see that coming," Burns told Dr. Steve Greene on a recent episode of "Greenelines" on the Charisma Podcast Network. "They had raised their kids in good, God-honoring homes, but their kids were going a different way.

"Many Millennials have a different way of looking at life, how they look at the modern issues of the day including cohabitation, sexuality, pornography and things like that. I have realized that there is this need for about 50 million-plus parents of adults who are trying to help their kids figure these things out.

"You want your kids not to make poor choices, and sometimes there is a lot of pain involved. That's what HomeWord is about, trying to help you help them make the right choices, but at the same time, we tell parents they need to know when to keep their mouths shut and bite their tongues because ultimately, it's their choices to make."

For more about Jim Burns and HomeWord, listen to this podcast.