



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

Investing in Youth

When my son was in middle school, he was given an assignment to write about a person who inspired him. Some students wrote about movie stars, others about sports figures, and some, their parents. My son wrote a very powerful paper. Part of what he wrote was that: "this person really means a lot to me. He continues to believe in me even when I lose a lot. Most people gave up on me but not him. This person is mycoach."

The coach told us that the school gave him a copy of my son's assignment. He placed it on his refrigerator door and for years it served as a reminder that his time and effort coaching youth was not in vain. Thanks to him, my son later received the most improved wrestler award that year. (An update to this story is that several years later, this coach had a house fire. One of the few things that were saved was this paper which again hangs in his new home.)

Having served in children and youth ministries for over twenty years, I have seen hundreds of boys' and girls' lives change and grow for Christ. Some have come back to thank me over 30 years later. Taking personal interest in youth for the Lord is always a great investment for that will last even though eternity.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not.." Mark 10:14

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