

The Three Buckets

A Family Discussion Guide for Sorting Life's Burdens — Gardens in Babylon

Whenever chaos strikes, pause and ask: **"What kind of thing am I dealing with?"** Every burden belongs in one of three buckets. Sort it correctly, and the fog clears.

SETTLED THINGS	ACTION THINGS	PRAYER THINGS
<i>Accept & Learn</i>	<i>Obey & Execute</i>	<i>Trust & Entrust</i>
Fixed by God's providence. Cannot be changed, bargained with, or managed. The faithful response is submission and learning.	Under your stewardship right now. God has given clear command and the means to act. The faithful response is immediate, joyful obedience.	Matters you care about but cannot control or guarantee. The faithful response is supplication wrapped in gratitude.

Sort Your Own Burdens

Write down everything keeping you up at night. Sort it ruthlessly into the correct column below.

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Family Discussion Questions

1. Are we burning energy trying to change something God has already settled? How can we pivot toward acceptance here?
2. What is the single most important "next faithful thing" we are currently avoiding or procrastinating on? Let's schedule it today.
3. What burdens are we carrying that belong exclusively on our knees? Let's pause right now, name them, and give them back to the Lord.

"Look at the ground right beneath your boots, take up the tools He has provided, and do the next faithful thing." — Gardens in Babylon | gardensinbabylon.com