

PRINCIPLES OF PARENTING
Parenting Because It Matters – Part 1

ON TV: “The days are long, but the years are short.”

ON TV: Did we prepare them for life?

ON TV: They had **fewer rules** than the parents whose kids were always in trouble for breaking their rules and almost none of them ever used **grounding** as a tool to discipline their kids.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.” Deuteronomy 6:5

ON TV/OUTLINE:

If mom and dad went to church: **72% of kids will as adults.**
If mom only went to church: **15% of kids will as adults.**
If dad only went to church: **55% of kids will as adults.**
If neither mom nor dad went to church: **.06% of kids will as adults.**

ON TV: Lead intentionally

ON TV/OUTLINE: “Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:6

ON TV/OUTLINE:

- Train them to **MANAGE** money (Proverbs 3:9-10)
- Train them to **select friends CAREFULLY.** (Proverbs 13:20)
- Train them to **WATCH** their words. (Proverbs 4:24)
- Train them to **be RESPONSIBLE.** (Proverbs 6:6-8)
- Train them to **guard their MINDS.** (Proverbs 23:7)
- Train them to **be GENEROUS.** (Proverbs 11:25)
- Train them to **honor and SURRENDER** their life to God. (Proverbs 1:7)

ON TV: They were **not afraid** of their children.

ON TV: “The thing that impresses me most about America is the way the parents obey their children.”

ON TV: Are you leading your children, or are your children leading you?

ON TV: They **did not fear the rejection** of their children and they **weren’t afraid to discipline** their children.

ON TV: They **discovered and encouraged their kids interests, strengths, and talents** rather than forcing their children to embrace what was most interesting or what came naturally to the parents.

ON TV: They **resisted the temptation to involve their kids everything** because they didn’t fear their children missing out. They **prioritized relationship over experiences.**

ON TV: All of them had **healthy marriages.**

ON TV: To separate parenting from marriage is to actually **steal** something valuable from the current and next generation.

ON TV: The tension between what’s **real** and what’s **ideal.**

ON TV: Of all the places in our culture, the **church** should be really good at **understanding** the realities of real family life because the Bible is full of **bad examples** of family.

ON TV: The writers of the New Testament **provide a picture** of what family could be and should be.

ON TV: If we remove the ideal from the family dynamic, simply because it's out of reach for some of us, that almost **guarantees** that it will remain out of reach for many in the next generation.

ON TV: *"Once upon a time, in a perfectly ordered world, where everyone always did the right thing..."*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"...Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures" 1 Corinthians 15:3b*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"For God so loved the world..." John 3:16a*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"28 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29b ...you will find rest for your souls..." Matthew 11:28, 29b*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"27 You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' 28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart." Matthew 5:27-28*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"...If this is the situation between a husband and wife, it is better not to marry." Matthew 19:10b*

ON TV: Jesus never **dumbed down** the truth. But he also never **lessened** the grace.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written." John 21:25*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"The **Word became flesh** and made his dwelling among us. We have have seen His glory, the glory of the **One and Only**, who came from the Father, full of **grace and truth**." John 1:14*

ON TV: Truth without grace creates **pretenders** and **hypocrites**. Grace without truth creates a **permissive version** of faith that hurts everybody eventually.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth **came through Jesus Christ**." John 1:17*

ON TV: The **ideal** is parents raising children together under one roof.

ON TV: What **breaks** your heart?