

GENTLE PARENTING

HOT TOPICS

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“Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.” (Psalm 127:3, NLT)

*“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”
(Proverbs 22:6, KJV)*

THE PROBLEM WITH FAD PARENTING.

The truth is Parenting is **COMPLEX**.

- 1) Every **CHILD** is different.
- 2) Every **CIRCUMSTANCE** is different.
- 3) Every **PHASE** is different.

WHAT EVERY KID NEEDS.

1. **CONSISTENCY**.

*“...If the way you live isn't **consistent** with what you believe, then it's wrong.” (Romans 14:23, The Message)*

*“So again I say, each man must **LOVE** his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must **RESPECT** her husband.” (Ephesians 5:33, NLT)*

“I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you.” (2 Timothy 1:5, NLT)

2. **COMPASSION**.

*“You must always **act like your Father in heaven**.” (Matthew 5:48, CEV)*

*"The LORD is **gracious** and **compassionate**, slow to anger and rich in love."* (Psalm 145:8, NIV)

"...older women must train the younger women to love their husbands and their children," (Titus 2:4, NLT)

3 WAYS TO COMMUNICATE COMPASSION

- **Attention**
- **Affection**
- **Affirmation**

3. CORRECTION.

"Correct your children while there is still hope; do not let them destroy themselves." (Proverbs 19:18, NCV)

"Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him." (Proverbs 22:15, NIV84)

"A refusal to correct is a refusal to love; love your children by disciplining them." (Proverbs 13:24, The Message)

	PUNISHMENT	DISCIPLINE
Purpose:	PENALTY	GROWTH
Focus:	PAST	FUTURE
Attitude:	ANGER	LOVE
Result:	FEAR / GUILT	SECURITY

HOW TO DISCIPLINE

"And now a word to you parents. Don't keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. Rather, bring them up with the loving discipline the Lord himself approves..." (Ephesians 6:4, The Living Bible) cf. Hebrews 12:11

- **CALMLY**

"Foolish people lose their tempers, but wise people control theirs." (Proverbs 29:11, NCV)

- **QUICKLY**

"...if you love [your son], you will be prompt to punish him." (Proverbs 13:24, The Living Bible)

- **ACCORDINGLY**

“Words alone will not discipline...the words may be understood, but they are not heeded.” (Proverbs 29:19, NLT)

- **SPARINGLY**

“Fathers, don’t scold your children so much that they become discouraged and quit trying.” (Colossians 3:21, The Living Bible)

4. **COACHING.**

“Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.” (Proverbs 22:6, NLT)

(AMP) “Train... in keeping with his individual gift or bent.”

THREE AREAS OF UNIQUENESS

- **PERSONALITY**
- **LEARNING STYLE**
- **SKILLS**

**I will never stop being a parent,
but there is a point in which I should stop PARENTING.**

5. **CHRIST.**

“So commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these words of mine...Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, so that as long as the sky remains above the earth, you and your children may flourish...” (Deuteronomy 11:18–21, NLT)

“You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.” (2 Timothy 3:15, NLT)

ACTION STEP

Complete the Parenting Principles Online Course