

It's *all* about  
Jesus.

*All* things were created through Him and for Him. Col 1:16



**Created for Him!**

**Parenting God's Way!  
Colossians 3:20, 21**

Children, obey your parents  
in everything, for this pleases  
the Lord. Fathers, do not  
provoke your children, lest  
they become discouraged.

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord. Eph. 6:4

**CHILDREN**

“Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you must (1) love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must (2) commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. (3) Repeat them again and again to your children. (4) 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. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

# PRINCIPLES FOR SUCCESSFUL PARENTING

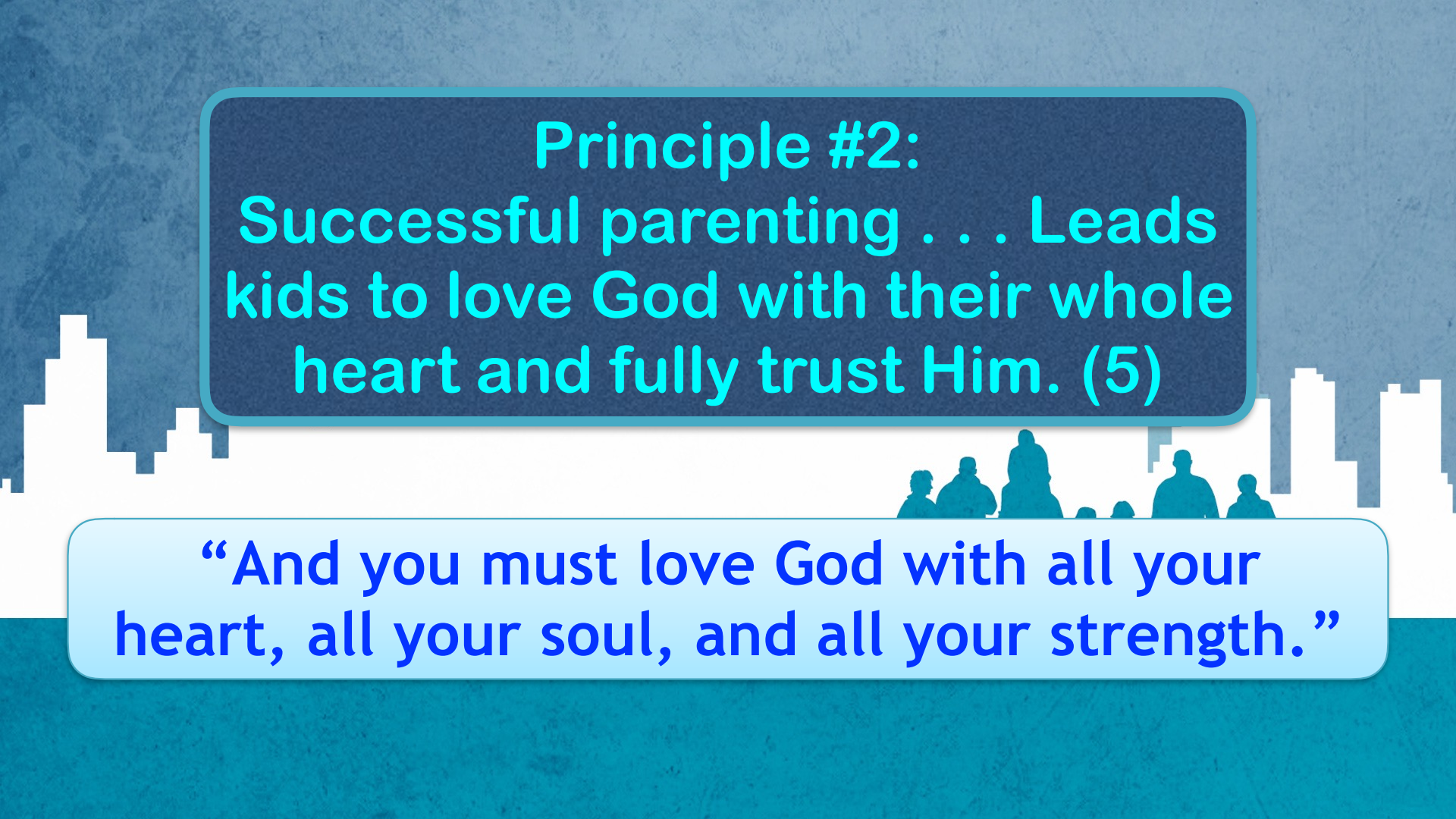
Definition of Successful Parenting:

Raising kids who love God with their whole heart, know His word, and follow His will.

Principle #1:

Successful parenting doesn't begin with parents or kids; it begins with God. (4)

“Hear, O Israel! the Lord is our God, the Lord alone.”



**Principle #2:**  
**Successful parenting . . . Leads kids to love God with their whole heart and fully trust Him. (5)**

**“And you must love God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.”**

**Principle #3:**  
**Successful parenting . . . Raises kids who  
are wholeheartedly in love with Scripture  
and obedience to God's will. (6)**

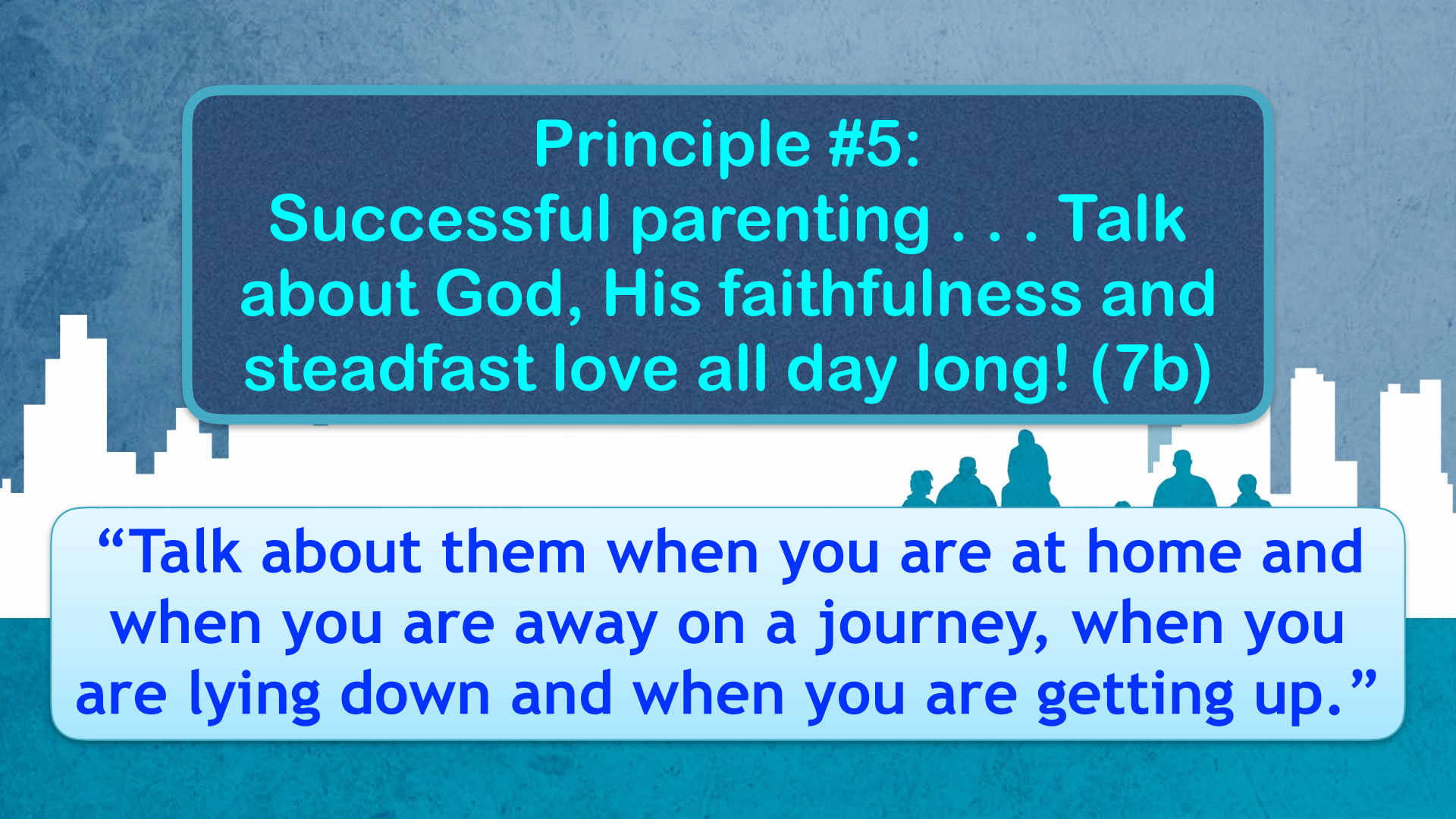
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wholeheartedly to these commands  
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**Principle #4:**  
**Successful parenting . . . Reads and repeats Scripture to kids every day. (7)**

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**“Repeat them again and again to your children.”**



**Principle #5:**  
**Successful parenting . . . Talk  
about God, His faithfulness and  
steadfast love all day long! (7b)**



**“Talk about them when you are at home and  
when you are away on a journey, when you  
are lying down and when you are getting up.”**



# Fill Your Home with Life-giving Scripture!



Play Christian kids music, especially Scripture songs.



Read high-quality Bible story books daily.



Read the actual Scriptures to your kids.

(And pray with them every day)



**Most essential - live the  
life, set the pace!**

**(Be the kind of men and women you  
hope your kids will grow up to marry!)**