

Parenting – 14 Gospel Principles

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Lesson 1: Introduction: Calling

- o Ownership vs. ambassador parenting
- o Principle 1: Calling – nothing is more important in your life than being one of God’s tools to form a human soul

Lesson 2: Process, Grace & Rest in God

- o Principle 6: Process – You must be committed as a parent to long-view parenting because change is a process and not an event.
- o Principle 2: Grace – God never calls you to a task without giving you what you need to do it. He never sends you without going with you.
- o Principle 13: Rest – It is only rest in God’s presence and grace that will make you a joyful and patient parent.

Lesson 3: Law, Control, & Inability

- o Principle 3: Law – Your children need God’s law, but you cannot ask the law to do what only grace can accomplish
- o Principle 12: Control – The goal of parenting is not control of behavior, but rather change of heart.
- o Principle 4: Inability – Recognizing what you are unable to do is essential to good parenting

Lesson 4: Lost, Foolishness, Character, & False God

- o Principle 7: Lost – As a parent you’re not dealing just with bad behavior, but a condition that causes bad behavior.
- o Principle 9: Foolishness – The foolishness inside your children is more dangerous to them than the temptation outside of them. Only God’s grace has the power to rescue fools.
- o Principle 10: Character – Not all of the wrong your children do is a direct rebellion to authority; much of the wrong is the result of a lack of character
- o Principle 11: False gods – you are parenting a worshiper, so it’s important to remember that what rules your child’s heart will control his behavior.

Lesson 5: Authority & Mercy & Identity

- o Principle 8: Authority: One of the foundational heart issues in the life of every child is authority. Teaching and modeling the protective beauty of authority is one of the foundations of good parenting.
- o Principle 14: Mercy – No parent gives mercy better than one who is convinced that he desperately needs it himself.
- o Principle 5: Identity – If you are not resting as a parent in your identity in Christ, you will look for identity in your children