

How to Raise Positive Kids in a Negative World

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- **"How can I be an effective parent in a defective world? Is there a way that I can navigate my child through this mess that we call our culture? Is it possible for a kid to grow up in all this mess and be Godly?"**

Principle No. 1: Positive Parenting Begins with Positive Clear-cut Objectives.

- "If you don't know what you're aiming for you'll hit it every time."
- "Fathers, don't overcorrect your children or make it difficult for them to obey the Commandment.....Bring them up with Christian teaching in Christian discipline."
Ephesians 6:4

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- “Bring them up in -- what? -- Christian teaching and Christian discipline.
- God’s dream versus the world’s dream for your child.

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- The world's dream for your child is that he or she be happy.
- God's dream for your child is that he or she be holy, not happy.

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- **If your focus is to make them happy they probably never will be, long-term. If your focus is to make them holy, the byproduct of holiness will be a genuine joy.**
- **"God works all things together.....in order that he might conform us to the image of his Son." Romans 8:28-29**

Principle No. 2: Positive Parenting Demands We Practice What Week Preach.

- "I'm not writing this to shame you, but to warn you as my dear children. Even though you have ten thousand guardians in Christ you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the Gospel. Therefore, I urge you to imitate me."
1 Corinthians 4:14-16**

Principle No. 2: Positive Parenting Demands We Practice What Week Preach.

- Your children going to be a lot like you, for better or for worse, so you need to be what you want them to become.
- The most powerful educational tool on the planet is not a book; it's not a speech; it's not a video; it's not a tape; it's not a program; it's not a seminar; it is behavior modeled, that is observed.

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- **"Jesus said to his Disciples, 'When a disciple or a student is fully trained he will be just like his teacher.'" Luke 6:40**

Reasons why some Christians don't come to church.

- **Bad experiences at church**
 - **Church is boring**
 - **Guilt and shame**
 - **Personal sin**

Reasons why some Christians don't come to church.

- **Conflict with another Christian**
 - **Personal pain**
 - **Sickness**
 - **Sports**

Reasons why some Christians don't come to church.

- Busyness
- Laziness
- Work

Reasons why some Christians don't come to church.

- **Transportation issues**
 - **Out of town**
 - **In a funk**

Reasons why some Christians don't come to church.

- “Sunday’s my only day to sleep in.”
- “I don’t like the pastor’s personality.”
- “I don’t like the pastor’s preaching.”

Reasons why some Christians don't come to church.

- “I don't like the pastor's Montreal Canadians.”
- “I'm just out of the habit.”

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