

How to Raise Positive Kids in a Negative World

Selected Scriptures

Series: Effective Parenting In A Defective World- Part I

Introduction -

From “Leave It To Beaver” to “Beevis & Butthead”

- Your Child’s World Is . . .
- A Parent’s Challenge Is . . .
- The Question We’re All Asking Is . . .

4 Principles For Positive Parenting

1. Positive parenting begins with positive

_____ - _____ !

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 (Phillips)

- The Principle of Focus
- God’s Dream vs. The American Dream For Your Child

2. Positive parenting demands we _____
what we _____ .

¹⁴*I am not writing this to shame you, but to warn you, as my dear children.*
¹⁵*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.* ¹⁶*Therefore I urge you to imitate me.*

1 Corinthians 4:14-16 (NIV)

- The Principle of Modeling
- “More Is Caught Than Taught”

3. Positive parents build relationships that _____.

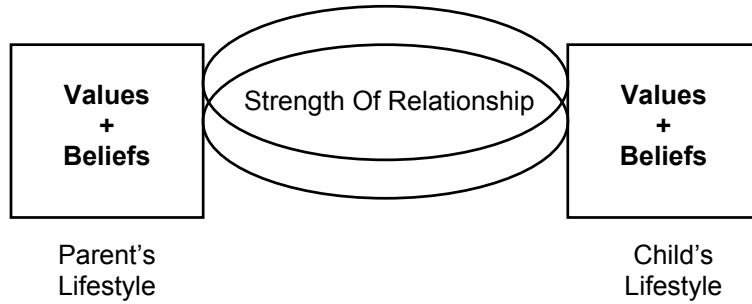
⁷*but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children.*
⁸*We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.*

1 Thessalonians 2:7-8 (NIV)

¹¹*For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children,* ¹²*encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.*

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 (NIV)

- The Principle of Relationship



8 “Keys” That Build Relationships That Bond

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4. Positive parenting requires _____
and _____.

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

1 John 1:9 (NIV)

- The Principle of Process

- 4 Magic Words = _____ !
and
_____ !

- It's never too late!

Discussion Questions

1. On a scale of 1 to 10, how positive a parent are you?
2. Discuss which point was most helpful to you. Why?
3. Where do you need to focus some parenting energy? What specifically will the next step look like?