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Significant Issues and Programming Information

WYRS airs a mixture of local and nationally produced programs. We also air weather reports, numerous public service announcements, hourly national news, and participate in the EAS network.

Some of the programs broadcasted by WYRS Broadcasting addressing significant issues and concerns are listed below.

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BREAKPOINT DAILY

Breakpoint Daily is a 4 minute program that airs Monday through Friday, 7:22 am and 6:26 pm.

Breakpoint (4:00) 07/3/23

In 303 Creative Decision, the Supreme Court Rules for Freedom of Speech

On Friday, the Supreme Court delivered a smashing victory for free speech.

Lorie Smith is the founder of 303 Creative, a graphic design company that, among other services, creates custom websites for weddings. The state decided that Lorie did not have the right to choose which messages she uses her talents to express. Friday, on the last day of the 2023 docket, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed that decision and ruled in favor of Lorie Smith.

The First Amendment envisions the United States as a rich and complex place where all persons are free to think and speak as they wish, not as the government demands. Colorado cannot deny that promise consistent with the First Amendment.

It's not yet clear what implications this decision will hold for others, such as Colorado cake artist Jack Phillips.

Lorie Smith never asked for the right to refuse service to a particular group of people. She asked not to be forced to produce speech that she did not agree with.

Breakpoint (4:00) 07/7/23

Organ Donation and “Presumed Consent”

Following the lead of the province of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick became the second jurisdiction in Canada to adopt a policy of “presumed consent” for organ and tissue donation. Instead of willingly opting in to be an organ donor, residents 19 years and older, with limited exceptions, will be opted in by default.

Canada’s end-of-life policies already incentivize death. If donors request death, not only is the difficulty of obtaining consent more easily settled, so is the issue of preserving organs. Law professor F.H. Buckley explained in the Wall Street Journal,

Last year ... two Canadian medical researchers and a Harvard bioethicist argued that [waiting until the patient is declared dead] could reduce the quality of donated organs. A superior model, they suggest, could be to kill the patient by removing his organs. After all, the best organs come from live people, like those who donate one of their kidneys. Where euthanasia is legal, the temptation to link the time of death and the demand for organs may similarly become too strong to resist. On a slow day there’s no hurry, but when a patient [who] is waiting for a heart is in the next hospital room, you’d expect greater pressure to euthanize a patient. ...

Medical professionals should not be given the incentive to see their patients as sacks of valuable organs rather than as human beings. The farther the medical world moves from its founding principle of “Do no harm,” the more harm is done. Powerful market incentives will only worsen an already epidemic disregard for human life.

Breakpoint (4:00) 07/10/23

How Both “Death With Dignity” and Nazi Propaganda Redefine Compassion

Holocaust-era movie eerily resembles the expansive loosening of euthanasia laws in the name of human dignity.

A recent story out of the Netherlands reminds us, as the adage goes, that the road to hell is paved with good intentions. The country, which has long led the world in legalizing and promoting euthanasia, has now expanded the reach to include those suffering from mental illness and even autism. Other countries are falling in line.

Breakpoint (4:00) 07/13/23

Correcting the Record on 303 Creative

Recently, in the wake of the Supreme Court’s important decision in 303 Creative v. Elenis, a lie has been propagated about the case, a lie that purportedly implicates plaintiff Lorie Smith and the Alliance Defending Freedom. It’s important to correct the record.

The day after ADF first filed Lorie's case, Lorie received a request to create a custom wedding website for someone named Stewart, who said he was marrying someone named Mike. ADF included this request as an addendum to 303 Creative's lawsuit, not as the basis for it, in order to demonstrate that Lorie was under real pressure to violate her beliefs.

From the very beginning of Lorie's case—from the federal district court in Colorado where ADF first filed the lawsuit, through the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, all the way to the Supreme Court—each judge acknowledged that Lorie had both the right and the standing to bring her case as a pre-enforcement challenge.

Immediately, the false memory machine was in motion. Multiple news outlets seized on the accusation, suggesting the case was illegitimate. The most likely scenario, of course, is that the request was made by an activist who either hoped that it would undermine the 303 Creative case or could be held (as it was) and brought out in case of an unfavorable decision. Critics are free to dislike the ruling, in which case they should take it up with the U.S. Constitution. But they can't change the facts.

Breakpoint (4:00) 07/14/23

Correcting the Actual Misinformation About Gender Ideology

A recent CBS News article claims, in its very title in fact, to separate “medical facts from misinformation” around so-called “gender-affirming care.” However, rather than separate the facts from the falsehoods, the article peddles lies and half-truths. Rather than refer to boys and girls, or young males and females, the author refers to “kids with testes” and “those with ovaries.” The piece then claims to set the record straight about what is involved in diagnosing gender dysphoria and administering “gender-affirming care.”

It's notable that Planned Parenthood doesn't even cover up this information. On some office webpages, the abortion giant happily promotes that “[i]n most cases your clinician will be able to prescribe hormones the same day as your first visit. No letter from a mental health provider is required.” Getting high-powered, life-altering drugs on your first visit hardly involves a “long and intensive” diagnosis process.

At the heart of most transgender propaganda is the claim that transitioning children has mental health benefits and can save them from suicide. Unsurprisingly, this piece repeats that claim while ignoring the facts that do not line up.

Far from causing harm, denying irreversible and sterilizing chemical and surgical interventions actually helps children who are distressed by their bodies. Granted time and space, many learn to accept their bodies and God-given identities. However, propaganda pieces like this one published by CBS confuse those called to care for children and only contributes to their harm

Breakpoint (4:00) 07/21/23

Medical Education Infected With DEI

A few months ago, kidney specialist Dr. Stanley Goldfarb was fired from UpToDate, a digital research tool for physicians. Last year, the president of the University of Pennsylvania Perelman

School of Medicine, where Dr. Goldfarb served as an associate dean, wrote a public letter accusing him of racism while students and colleagues circulated a petition calling for his title as professor emeritus to be stripped.

Dr. Goldfarb's purported crimes had nothing to do with medicine and everything to do with his public opposition to DEI ("Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion") in medicine.

The campaign for diversity is long running and has some value, yet the ideological extremism of the past two years has led medical schools to adopt dangerous strategies.

Critical Theory in all of its forms only critiques, never constructs. Applied, it will only tear down, never build up. Advocates of this ideology should consider that their proposed solutions may be fueling the problems they claim to address.

Breakpoint (4:00) 07/27/23

Asking the Right Question about Medicine: What Is It For?

Today, medical leaders are participating in an industry dominated by the production of science and technology. But what is scientifically possible for the body and what is humane for the person are different questions which medicine must answer together.

In other words, Dr. Collier says, doctors shouldn't only ask what medicine can do. They must first ask what medicine is for. This is even more important in an age of increasingly complex ethical dilemmas in medicine.

The Christian witness in the next 20 years is going to not only involve Christian doctors practicing medicine well. It will also involve Christian patients suffering well, dying well, and helping others die well as human beings made in the image of God, whose ultimate hope is in His salvation, not medical technology.

Breakpoint (4:00) 08/02/23

Is the Supreme Court Politically Partisan?

Recent decisions don't expose the Court's assumed ideological divide but rather a consensus of justice for the nation.

The current Court consists of justices appointed by four different administrations, two progressive and two conservative. Still, a general consensus remains. Whatever ideological fault lines exist within the Court are not always determinative of its rulings, as evidenced even in its past two terms. In other words, members of the Court have deep disagreements, but it should not be considered irredeemably partisan.

Often, those who bemoan the current state of the Court, consider it illegitimate, and call it a failed institution, only betray their own philosophical commitments. Namely, they have embraced a postmodern view of law and of the courts, which assumes that "to judge is an

exercise of power,” not an exercise in the interpretation and application of the law. Thus, they cannot imagine that a ruling they do not like could be legitimate.

Breakpoint (4:00) 08/04/23

When Parents Lead Their Children Toward Transition

Recently, British author and journalist Helen Joyce offered a reasonable explanation for why transgender ideology continues to endure... the real breakthrough of the current gender ideology movement has only come through the co-opting of parents, whose instincts to protect their children tragically became a threat to them and their wellbeing.

The entire mental health profession—psychology, social work, counseling—was captured by radical ideologues years ago, and you and your families are paying the price. The doctors are wrong, your gut is right. Your son will always be your son. Your daughter will always be your daughter. To say differently is inane. And to place blame on you, parents who represent reality, is shameful.

Parents who deny their children’s wishes and instead try to do the right thing will often find entire communities opposed to them. Friends, counselors, teachers, and medical professionals—not to mention their own children—will condemn them as hateful and bigoted.

In this cultural moment, the Church must help parents know and choose what is true and find hope when their children choose otherwise.

Breakpoint (4:00) 08/08/23

Children the Difference Between Make-Believe and Reality

Due to the popularity of Superman in the late 1970s, Mr. Rogers dedicated a week of his daily TV show to helping kids distinguish between what was real and what was make-believe.

He was committed to helping children discern truth from error, the difference between make-believe and reality, between the cosmetic and one’s identity. He even famously sang a song that clarified that kids could not become whatever or whoever they wanted, that only boys could be daddies, and only girls could be mommies. In fact, he once said, “I’ll tell you what children really need. They need adults who will protect them from the ever-ready molders of their world.”

Those are the kind of adults that children still need.

Breakpoint (4:00) 08/10/23

Toppling the Idol of “Settled Science”

The habit of fixing upon a dogma and calling it “settled science” is just bad science that stunts our understanding of the world. As challenges to Darwin mount, we should be able to articulate why “settled science” makes such a poor god. And we should encourage the science and the scientists challenging this old theory-turned-dogma and holding it to its own standards. After all, if Darwinian evolution is as unfit as it now seems, it shouldn’t survive.

Breakpoint (4:00) 08/15/23

UFOs and the Power of Worldview

The United States Congress recently held hearings on the subject of UFOs.

As tempting as it is to think of these hearings as an unaired episode of *The X-Files*, the virtue of stories like this, and of the whole genre of sci-fi, is that they bring up questions about the deeper things of life. Who are we? Are we alone in the universe? What would it mean if we weren't? What makes us special as human beings?

Fifty years ago, if you had asked an astronomer about "life on other worlds," he was apt to be totally agnostic about it or even stress its improbability. We are now told that in so vast a universe stars that have planets and planets that have inhabitants must occur times without number. Yet no compulsive evidence is to hand.

What we believe about alien life and other mysteries says more about our beliefs than it does about their existence.

Breakpoint (4:00) 08/24/23

Backpedaling About Gender in Britain

A recent article in *The Atlantic* by Helen Lewis made the bold claim that "The Gender War Is Over in Britain." The shift, which was quietly announced to the public, made "three big declarations."

One was that "sex and gender are different." Another was that, although Labour continues to believe in the right to change one's legal gender, safeguards are needed to "protect women and girls from predators who might abuse the system." Finally, Labour was therefore dropping its commitment to self-ID—the idea that a simple online declaration is enough to change someone's legal gender for all purposes—and would retain the current requirement of a medical diagnosis of gender dysphoria.

Reality will always strike back. Dangerous ideas, even when mandated by cultural gatekeepers, cannot change reality.

Breakpoint (4:00) 08/29/23

Pro-Life After Dobbs: Ohio, Issue 1,

A few weeks ago, voters in Ohio rejected a ballot measure that would have made it harder to amend the state's constitution. The turnout for this vote was unexpectedly high for what appeared to be a procedural change. It was the only issue on the ballot. However, this vote was not merely about a procedure. It was also about abortion.

In November, abortion advocates will put forth a proposal to enshrine the “right” to an abortion in Ohio’s constitution, with no restrictions on the age of the baby or the mother. Had Issue 1 succeeded in Ohio, this new amendment would have been much more difficult to pass.

For perhaps the vast majority of people, the highest moral good is individual autonomy, and the default position on abortion is permissiveness. Even those who say they’d “never have an abortion” repeatedly tell pollsters they aren’t comfortable taking away that option for somebody else. In that context, making rules that curb autonomy or being a tiny person who interferes with that autonomy are cardinal sins.

Any meaningful pro-life agenda must account for this situation on the grounds that we are defending life in a cultural moment in which many are willing to sacrifice everything, even what is acknowledged as a child, to pursue these ends. Ultimately, we’ll need to demonstrate, in both word, and deed, that this premise is false, untenable, and enables great evil.

We cannot stop stressing the fact that every preborn child is a unique, valuable, and fully human image bearer of God. We’ll need to champion the very strange idea that marriage, sex, and babies go together and, when they do, they bring strength and flourishing to society. We’ll need to stop enabling and rewarding men who pressure, coerce, or abandon pregnant women, while helping women deal with crisis pregnancies.

Breakpoint (4:00) 09/08/23

Is Sex Assigned at Birth?

The latest What Would You Say?

The idea that sex is something merely “assigned” at birth is taken as truth by college professors, media pundits, and medical professionals. We even hear that on this issue “the science is settled.”

So, what would you say?

First: A person’s sex is acknowledged, not assigned. There are many things that doctors learn about a baby when it’s born, like height, weight, and blood type. Those things aren’t assigned. They’re acknowledged.

Other things are assigned at birth, like a name. Babies are assigned names exclusively on the preferences of their parents. Changing a name before, during, or even after birth has no real impact on the person because it’s not a biological part of their identity.

So, if some things are acknowledged and other things are assigned, which category does a baby’s sex fall into? Is it more like being given a name by parents, or is it more like learning the blood type from the doctor?

It is helpful to acknowledge that some things about us as human beings are assigned and others are not, and that the kinds of things that fit into these respective categories are radically different kinds of things.

Sex is determined by our reproductive system. In most cases, humans are born with two sex chromosomes, either x/x or x/y. ...

An objection sometimes: "What about intersex people?" The third truth to remember is that disorders of sexual development don't create new categories of sex.

The disorder that occurs when a person's reproductive system doesn't develop neatly along a male or female path is called "intersex." If a person is intersex that does not mean that he or she is not male or female. Nor does it mean that there are additional categories of sex other than male and female. Some people are born without limbs. Others are born blind. Disorders of sexual development are not evidence of a new category of sex any more than disorders of the cardiac or respiratory systems are evidence of new kinds of hearts or lungs. It is possible to engage tough questions with gentleness, humility, and a sound knowledge of the facts.

Breakpoint (4:00) 09/13/23 **Suicide Rates at All-Time High**

According to the Associated Press, nearly 50,000 people committed suicide last year, an absolute record.

Some of this could be the result of an increasingly vitriolic cultural environment. We're also living downstream from particularly destructive ideas. Even longer, we've been telling ourselves that transcendent things like truth, beauty, and goodness are imaginary. We've created a culture of victimhood, much of it fabricated, and have positioned it as the goal of life.

Voices of the state and media have, in the last several years, marketed suicide as a positive choice, the final solution to life's problems, and the final expression of autonomy and, thus, dignity. All this weighs most of all upon those struggling with mental illnesses.

Breakpoint (4:00) 09/22/23 **Dear Teens, Virginity Is Good for You**

Research consistently shows that young people who wait until after the wedding have a better chance for a stable, fulfilling, happy marriage.

Research consistently shows that young people who wait until after the wedding have a better chance for a stable, fulfilling, happy marriage. They also do not have to worry about sexually transmitted diseases and unplanned pregnancies.

The CDC conveyed the blockbuster conclusions of their report as drily and bureaucratically as possible: "Significant health disparities exist". The CDC report demonstrates there are consequences for a secular worldview that sees bodies as something we "own," something external to who we are, something we use (or abuse) depending on our desires, our will, or our "identity."

Breakpoint (4:00) 09/25/23

Senate Hosts Meeting on AI without Ethicists

Considering what we should and shouldn't do with AI.

Recently, the U.S. Senate held a closed-door meeting with the biggest names from the world of big tech, such as Bill Gates, Elon Musk, and Mark Zuckerberg. Senate leadership informed the media that the purpose of the meeting was to have a conversation about how the federal government could “encourage” the development of artificial intelligence while also mitigating its “risks.”

Given that focus, it's more interesting who wasn't invited than who was: no ethicists, philosophers, or theologians, nor really anyone outside the highly specialized tech sector. For a meeting meant to explore the future direction of AI and the ethics necessary to guide it, nearly everyone in that room had a vested financial interest in its continued growth and expansion.

Of course, those who are researching, inventing, and developing AI should be invited to important meetings about AI. However, questioning the risks, dangers, or even potential benefits of AI requires answering deeper questions first—questions outside the realm of strict science:

What is the goal of our technologies? What should be our goal? What is off limits and why? What is our operating definition of the good that we are pursuing through technology? Where is the uncrossable line between healing and enhancement, and what are the other proper limits of our technologies? What are people? What technocratic challenges have we faced in the past, and what can we learn?

What we “should” or “shouldn't” do with AI depends heavily on the kind of world this is and the kinds of creatures that human beings are. If, as some have argued, AI is to be accorded the same dignity as human beings, then replacing humans in entire industries and putting tens of thousands out of work is not morally problematic. If human beings are unique and exceptional, and both labor and relationships are central to our identity, the moral questions are far weightier.

Breakpoint (4:00) 09/27/23

A Generation Poisoned by Porn Speaks

Kids testify in their own words to the soul-sucking, brain-damaging, graphic industry available at the tips of their fingers. This content now poses a life-altering danger to those who stumble across it—especially children.

The average age at which kids are first exposed to pornography is now 12, and there are plenty of outliers. Now, a generation of young people are voicing sorrow and regret because of what we defended as “freedom” and “harmless fun.”

As a society, we must end this systematic assault on young eyes.

Breakpoint (4:00) 09/29/23

States Release School Report Cards (and the Results Aren't Good)

Education has shifted from true academic standards to theory and pedagogy.

U.S. schools were struggling before the pandemic, and they haven't gotten much better. Chronic absenteeism in public schools, skyrocketed during the pandemic and has not significantly improved since, and its strong correlation to worsening math and reading scores across the country. Only 32% of American fourth graders are considered "proficient" in reading.

BREAKPOINT THIS WEEK (25:55)

Breakpoint This Week is a 26 minute program that airs Saturdays, at 12:32 pm, and Tuesday, 7:04 pm.

BREAKPOINT THIS WEEK (25:55) 07/8/23

Recent Supreme Court Decisions, Increasing Calls for a Right to Have Children and Riots in France

John and Maria look at several recent Supreme Court decisions that move the court to the right, and what is driving the recent claims that adults have a right to have children.

BREAKPOINT THIS WEEK (25:55) 07/15/23

Setting the Record Straight on the 303 Creative Case and Exploring Ethics in Medicine

A lot of disinformation has been spread about the recent Supreme Court ruling in the case defending a Colorado graphic designer's free speech rights. John and Maria discuss some new thoughts surrounding the ethics of medicine.

BREAKPOINT THIS WEEK (25:55) 07/22/23

Tucker Carlson Talks About the Bible and Why the Scope of Government Reveals Worldview

John and Maria discuss the importance of biblical literacy as well as how a worldview of the human condition can impact the function of government.

BREAKPOINT THIS WEEK (25:55) 07/29/23

Messages in the Barbie Movie and the Number of LGBTQ+ Students is Growing on College Campuses

The Barbie Movie is setting attendance records. What messages is it sending? LGBTQ+ students are flocking to Ivy League universities. What's driving the trend? And Russell Brand shares some insightful views about God and worship.

BREAKPOINT THIS WEEK (25:55) 08/5/23

Applying the Just War Theory in the Age of Nuclear Bombs and How Should Christians Think about Climate Change?

The Oppenheimer movie has Christians revisiting the morality of warfare. An extra warm summer in some parts of the U.S. raises climate fears again. John and Maria discuss ways to slow down the growth of assisted suicide.

BREAKPOINT THIS WEEK (25:55) 08/12/23

America's Great De-churching, a Review of the Ohio's Issue 1 Defeat, and Suicides are on the Rise

John and Maria discuss how millions of Americans have stopped going to church creating the biggest social shift in our lifetime.

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BREAKPOINT THIS WEEK (25:55) 08/19/23

Being Faithful to Christ in a Hostile Culture

Last month, the Colson Center hosted a conference from Bay Harbor, Michigan on our changing culture. John Stonestreet was joined by Kristin Waggoner from Alliance Defending Freedom and Jim Daly with Focus on the Family to discuss how Christians should respond to everything from critical theory to the Barbie movie.

Find more information on the event and watch the full recording at greatlakessymposium.org.
Topics

BREAKPOINT THIS WEEK (25:55) 08/26/23

The GOP Presidential Debate, Christians Banned From Foster Care, and "Rich Men North of Richmond"

John and Maria discuss the high and low points in the GOP presidential debate. A growing number of states are telling Christians they can't be foster parents and reaction to the song "Rich Men North of Richmond."

BREAKPOINT THIS WEEK (25:55) 09/02/23

Notable Deaths: Al Quie and Alice Noebel; Also, The Canadian Boarding School Story

John Stonestreet and Maria Baer remember the lives and legacies of two remarkable people of faith. They also discuss new information regarding the alleged mass graves at Canadian boarding schools and how the Church should view singlehood.

BREAKPOINT THIS WEEK (25:55) 09/09/23

Relaxed Prostitution Laws in California, Tolkien's Continuing Appeal, and the Growth of Suicide

John and Maria discuss the new relaxed prostitution laws in California. As Tolkien's appeal continues to grow, we discuss the biblical roots of his writings. And trying to reign in a culture that seems to be accepting and promoting suicide.

BREAKPOINT THIS WEEK (25:55) 09/16/23

The Liability of Gender Transition, Protecting Children from Porn, and AI's Impact on Education

Hospitals across the nation are facing litigation concerns tied to their gender clinics. And John and Maria discuss the devastating effects of pornography on children.

BREAKPOINT THIS WEEK (25:55) 09/23/23

Using Questions to Answer Christianity's Toughest Challenges

John Stonestreet talks to Greg Koukl, the author of the new book *Street Smarts*, about effective ways to engage an increasingly hostile culture.

This month, for a gift of any amount to the Colson Center, we will send you a copy of Greg Koukl's book *Street Smarts*. To receive a copy of *Street Smarts: Using Questions to Answer Christianity's Toughest Challenges*, visit colsoncenter.org/September.

Topics

BREAKPOINT THIS WEEK (25:55) 09/30/23

Defining Christian Nationalism, German Homeschool Family Faces Deportation, and Biden Admin Limits Number of Christian Refugees

John and Maria talk about Tuesday's Breakpoint Forum on Christian Nationalism and the latest examples of America turning its back on Christian refugees.

FAITH AND FINANCE DAILY (25:00)

Faith and Finance airs weekdays 12:05 pm.

FAITH AND FINANCE DAILY (25:00)

6 Steps of Estate Planning With Ron Blue

FaithFi: Faith & Finance | Wednesday, Jul 5, 2023

The Bible tells us that it's good to leave an inheritance to our children. While it's critically important to have a will, there's a bit more to putting your estate in order.

1. Who? Who's going to get it.
2. How much? To each of these individuals or organizations.
3. When? Do you want to do your giving now or later?
4. Strings or no strings?
5. How? The best way to transfer from a tax efficiency standpoint.
6. Talk! Communicate with family and/or other beneficiaries.

FAITH AND FINANCE DAILY (25:00)

Financial Discipline Brings Joy

FaithFi: Faith & Finance | Friday, Jul 7, 2023

You've probably heard it said that "anything worth doing is worth doing well." Today we'll find out why working hard at something can pay big dividends, spiritually and financially.

THE IMPORTANCE OF DISCIPLINE and THE JOY IN DISCIPLINE

FAITH AND FINANCE DAILY (25:00)

Seniors in Debt With Brandon Sieben

FaithFi: Faith & Finance | Thursday, Jul 13, 2023

According to the Federal Reserve Bank, over the past 20 years, debt levels for those in their 60s have risen by over 400%. And for those in their 70s, that debt grew by over 500%. It's a big problem. The top forms of debt among these age groups are credit cards, car loans, and home equity loans.

WHAT'S THE CAUSE?

First, retirees are spending like they were before retirement, but now without the income to cover that spending. . Second, a lot of folks just aren't aware of the cost of debt and how the math works. And third, a lot of people are conditioned to think that's okay to borrow.

FAITH AND FINANCE DAILY (25:00)

6 Big Time Money Wasters

FaithFi: Faith & Finance | Monday, Jul 17, 2023

If you're buying things that provide only a temporary sense of satisfaction, you're probably wasting money.

6 MONEY WASTERS

1. Not preparing your own meals. 2. Upgrading your smartphone as soon as a new one comes out. 3. Overspending on clothing. Wearing the latest fashion is expensive. 4. Buying lottery tickets. 5. Extended warranties. 6. Cable and streaming packages.

FAITH AND FINANCE DAILY (25:00)

When and How Much to Invest With Mark Biller

FaithFi: Faith & Finance | Tuesday, Jul 18, 2023

Mark Biller is executive editor at Sound Mind Investing, where he and his team take complicated investing concepts and simplify

DCA, Dollar Cost Averaging, is simply systematically investing a fixed amount of money regularly, and because of that, it has these benefits:

It eliminates the “Is this a good time to buy?” question. It imposes a discipline — a “forced saving” structure that you can think of as making “installment payments” on your future financial security. Dollar-cost-averaging helps you to buy more fund shares when prices are low and fewer when prices are high, so your average price over time is likely to be lower than other methods of buying. Finally, it “automates” your investing, which helps eliminate the chance that you'll forget to invest, or worse, be scared out of investing by current events and news.

FAITH AND FINANCE DAILY (25:00)

Must-Have Financial Skills for Young Adults

FaithFi: Faith & Finance | Thursday, Jul 20, 2023

Year after year, an annual survey taken shows low financial literacy for the 18-to-25 age group. A majority of these young adults consistently fail to demonstrate a working knowledge of financial concepts like budgeting, saving, insurance, and investing. Learn about some Must-Have financial skills.

FAITH AND FINANCE DAILY (25:00)

What You'll Need To Retire

FaithFi: Faith & Finance | Wednesday, Jul 26, 2023

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Folks always ask us, “How much will I need to retire?” And the answer is, “It depends.” One important piece of the retirement puzzle is, “How much are you willing and able to cut from your budget?” We’ll talk about that today on Faith and **Finance**.

FAITH AND FINANCE DAILY (25:00)

Managing Money Tensions in Marriage

FaithFi: Faith & Finance | Monday, Jul 31, 2023

MONEY ISN'T THE PROBLEM

Ask any couple what causes the most stress in their marriage, and they’ll probably say “money”. However, the problem isn’t usually money itself – or even lack of money. No, financial tension in a marriage more often springs from bad attitudes, unrealistic expectations, and wrong assumptions about how to handle money.

FAITH AND FINANCE DAILY (25:00)

Healthcare Freedom of Choice With Lauren Gajdek

FaithFi: Faith & Finance | Tuesday, Aug 1, 2023

Healthcare Plans generally cover out-of-network emergency room care as if it were in-network, but not visits to out-of-network doctors and other treatment.

While Christian Healthcare Ministries helps its members cover their healthcare costs, it is not an insurance company. Members are not bound to a particular network of providers. As long as their treatment is eligible for sharing under the terms of the membership, CHM will “share” the cost. Learn more about Christian Healthcare Ministries at CHMinistries.org.

FAITH AND FINANCE DAILY (25:00)

Moving from Renting to Buying With Aimee Dodson

FaithFi: Faith & Finance | Friday, Aug 4, 2023

It used to be almost universally true that, at least in the short term, it was cheaper to rent a home than to buy one. But that’s not necessarily the case today. Limited supply is one of the factors that has driven up both rental and purchase prices in recent years. So what steps should you take if you’re considering buying a home? First of all, check into first-time homebuyer programs, and down payment assistance programs to see if you qualify. Talk to a loan officer who can run your credit, talk about your credit profile, and discuss your long-term goals and strategies.

FAITH AND FINANCE DAILY (25:00)

Avoiding Student Debt With Art Rainer

FaithFi: Faith & Finance | Thursday, Aug 10, 2023

Going to college is a huge financial decision.

4 WAYS TO MINIMIZE DEBT

Start saving now

Take college level of AP courses now

Explore scholarships and grants

Be willing to work while in school

We like to say it's better to put in the hard work now, saving, applying for scholarships, and working while you're in school than to have to pay back student debt later at interest.

FAITH AND FINANCE DAILY (25:00)

6 Steps When a Loved One Passes

FaithFi: Faith & Finance | Thursday, Aug 24, 2023

Your first step before making any financial decisions should always be prayer! You should invite God to be a part of all your financial affairs and decisions, especially now as you begin the process of settling your loved one's estate.

1. Get a copy of the death certificate. 2. Start the probate process. 3. Notifying the deceased's financial institutions and advisors, if any. 4. Contact life insurance. 5. Notify government agencies. 6. Prepare final taxes. Remember to pray for guidance and know that you are never alone. Romans 13:5 assures you, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

FAITH AND FINANCE DAILY (25:00)

3 Financial Questions To Answer With Ron Blue

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Ron Blue is co-founder of Kingdom Advisors and the author of several books on personal finances from a biblical perspective, including *Never Enough?: 3 Keys to Financial Contentment*.

3 KEY QUESTIONS:

1. WHO OWNS IT? .

2. HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?

3. IS THE NEXT STEWARD CHOSEN AND PREPARED?

FAITH AND FINANCE DAILY (25:00)

Measuring the Market's Valuation With Mark Biller

FaithFi: Faith & Finance | Tuesday, Sep 19, 2023

Mark Biller is executive editor at Sound Mind Investing.

"Market valuation" refers to the process of assessing the worth or value of the overall stock market or individual stocks within it. It involves determining whether the current prices of stocks

accurately reflect their underlying fundamentals, such as earnings, assets, and growth potential. Market valuation is essential because it helps investors make informed decisions about buying or selling stocks.

FAITH AND FINANCE DAILY (25:00)

Financial & Spiritual Lessons for Kids

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HELPING CHILDREN GRASP SPIRITUAL TRUTHS BEHIND THE FINANCIAL ONES

Age-appropriate lessons include introducing the concept of money and work around age three to five. Spiritual lessons include understanding that God created everything and that work is a gift from God. Gratitude and thanksgiving should be emphasized, as well as the importance of budgeting. The three-jar method (saving, spending, giving) can be introduced around age five.

Saving for the future and generosity are important spiritual principles to instill. Around ages 9 to 10, children can learn about earning money and that work is a gift from God. Chores can be tied to allowances, teaching the value of work. Ages 10 to 15 are a good time to expand on earning opportunities and savings goals. Ages 16 to 18 involve teaching budgeting, savings for bigger goals like a car or college.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY (28:30)

Focus on the Family is a daily program that airs Monday through Friday, 7:30 am.

Focus on the Family (28:30) July 5&6, 2023

Giving Your Teen Freedom to Become an Adult

Psychologist Dr. Kenneth Wilgus offers parents a strategy of “planned emancipation” whereby they can help prepare their teens for adulthood by carefully and progressively withdrawing their control over key areas of their teen’s life.

Focus on the Family (28:30) July 10, 2023

Talking to Your Kids About Sexuality and Gender

In a culture where your truth and identity seem to be the most important topic, it can be difficult to navigate conversations surrounding truth and grace with your children. Hillary Ferrer and Amy Davison discuss ways to educate your children about gender and sexuality in their schools, churches, and personal relationships, and point us toward the way that Christ encountered those around Him.

Focus on the Family (28:30) July 12, 2023

Becoming Friends With Your In-Laws

Dr. Gary Chapman offers seven principles that will radically transform your relationship with your in-laws. By learning and practicing these basic communication skills, you will build and strengthen the connection you have with your spouse's parents and siblings. It's not an overnight process, but a journey that will revive and improve any relationship.

Focus on the Family (28:30) July 18&19, 2023 **Rejecting Divorce and Choosing to Stay**

Carey and Toni Nieuwhof's marriage wasn't always happy and filled with love. There was a time when they were on the brink of divorce, and though they tried to make amends, they kept falling into a cycle of fighting, anger and distance. Today, Carey and Toni say they can't imagine considering divorce. Through their honest and vulnerable stories and advice, they'll help encourage couples considering divorce to save their marriages and take a path toward healing.

Focus on the Family (28:30) July 20, 2023 **Guiding Your Daughter Into Womanhood**

Robin Jones Gunn and Jenny Coffey stress that Mom should be the safest person in her daughter's life – where the conversation about puberty and development can be ongoing. The duo explains that a girl's self-image and self-esteem will be profoundly impacted by how parents navigate this child's first exposure to sexuality. Robin and Jenny also describe how moms can initiate the "sex talk" conversation with their daughters.

Focus on the Family (28:30) July 24, 2023 **Changing Your Mindset in Marriage**

Thinking more positively of your spouse can change your marriage! Ted Lowe helps you better understand how a shift in your thoughts toward yourself and your spouse can give you a healthier and more loving marriage. By looking at your spouse through the filter of Philippians 4:8, you'll learn ways to examine your mindset and embrace a positive perspective!

Focus on the Family (28:30) July 31, 2023 **Parenting Struggles and What They Teach**

Parenting has its challenging moments, but the rewards and laughter can outweigh the struggles. Ken Swarner provides humorous stories and lighthearted spiritual lessons about parenting with humility and trusting God.

Focus on the Family (28:30) August 2&3, 2023

Encouragement for Remarried Couples

Gil and Brenda Stuart offer advice and hope to remarried couples as they address the difficult challenges stepfamilies face.

Focus on the Family (28:30) August 8, 2023 **Navigating the Early Grade School Years**

Author Erin MacPherson and her mother, Ellen Schuknecht, an educator, offer encouragement and advice to moms of early grade school-aged children.

Focus on the Family (28:30) August 9&10, 2023 **Clearing Out Your Space and Schedule**

Courtney Ellis wants to invite families to follow her example in decluttering her life, her home & her schedule. Courtney also described why too many screens & too much technology is a form of clutter — and how her kids would often see the back of her hand holding a phone instead of seeing her face.

Focus on the Family (28:30) August 14, 2023 **Making Positive Choices for a Stronger Marriage**

Dr. Ron and Jan Welch help husbands and wives better understand the power of choice in their marriages and how they can be intentional in improving and strengthening their relationships. In this discussion, they will focus on the power of belief and choosing to hope, letting go of the past, not taking your spouse for granted, and commitment.

Focus on the Family (28:30) August 15, 2023

Justice for the Pre-Born and Their Mothers

Former NFL tight end Benjamin Watson, a passionate advocate for life, wants to make abortion unthinkable in the post-Roe cultural landscape. Benjamin shares insights on how a renewed commitment to holistic justice and human flourishing can make a big difference in the fight for life.

Focus on the Family (28:30) August 16&17, 2023 **A Father's Influence In His Daughter's Life**

Dr. Kevin Leman and Kim Trobee share stories and thoughts on why the dad-daughter relationship matters, and how important it is to spend time and invest in this relationship wisely.

They discuss how significant a dad's influence is in a daughter's life and how it impacts her future relationships with the opposite sex.

Focus on the Family (28:30) August 18, 2023
Helping Your Loved One Find Freedom From Addiction

When addiction steps in, your family may be turned upside down. In this compelling interview, Victor Torres shares his dramatic story of growing up on the streets of New York City as a gang member and a heroin addict and how God intervened to change his life. He'll identify some signs of substance abuse and offer some first steps toward hope and healing for your addicted loved one.

Focus on the Family (28:30) August 25, 2023
Braving Middle School Like a Boss

Best-selling author Jonathan Catherman and his teen sons, Reed and Cole, offer encouragement to parents and kids who are worried about leaving behind the familiarity of elementary school to transition to middle school. Our guests cover topics that include bullies, relationship drama, communication with parents, and much more.

Focus on the Family (28:30) August 30&31, 2023
Preparing Your Kids for the Teen Years

Focus on the Family Vice President of Parenting and Youth Danny Huerta and popular author Jessie Minassian offer parents practical advice for teaching their kids about sex, puberty, and the many changes they'll experience during their teen years.

Focus on the Family (28:30) September 4, 2023
How My Teacher Made a Difference

Focus on the Family listeners pay tribute to their favorite teachers—those who impacted their lives and helped shape who they are today. As the new school year begins, we will honor teachers and help them keep the long-term perspective in mind.
Original Air Date: September 1, 2014

Focus on the Family (28:30) September 8, 2023
The Truth Behind Mommy Platitudes

Becky Baudouin offers helpful encouragement for moms. She examines some parenting platitudes that well-intentioned people say—such as “Enjoy every minute!” or “Being a mom is

the hardest job in the world.” With biblical truth, gritty honesty, and personal stories, Becky bolsters moms in the thick of it and, as someone who has “been there”, offers them a breath of fresh air.

Focus on the Family (28:30) September 14, 2023 **A Hopeful View of America’s Future**

Tim Goeglein, Vice President of External and Government Relations for Focus on the Family, encourages listeners to honor America’s remarkable spiritual heritage, while inspiring us to influence the culture with faith and optimism. He’ll share about the vision, faith, and hopes of America’s Founding Fathers and the importance of understanding our history and preserving our moral values and religious freedoms.

Focus on the Family (28:30) September 18, 2023 **How Jesus Redeemed My Gender Confusion**

Linda Seiler shares her remarkable story of growing up desperately wanting to be a boy. She describes her 20-year struggle with gender confusion and same-sex attractions, which were not resolved after her conversion to Christianity. After confessing her secret to a college pastor who exemplified God’s compassion and grace, Linda spent the next 11 years seeking healing and restoration of her true identity as a woman. An identity that she whole-heartedly embraces today!

Focus on the Family (28:30) September 19, 2023 **Being an Intentional Grandparent to Teens**

Mark Gregston, grandfather of four, encourages you to be intentional in the lives of your teen grandchildren. Through storytelling, humor, time, and love, you can be a special influence on your grandkids and build a legacy of hope in your family.

Focus on the Family (28:30) September 22, 2023 **Showing Your Child Their True Worth**

Peter Mutabazi shares his journey from street kid to foster dad. As a young kid on the streets of Kampala, Uganda, Peter’s life changed when one man showed compassion and kindness. Now he’s giving back, opening his home to children in foster care. Learn how you can come alongside kids in need by showing them God’s love, grace, and mercy.

Focus on the Family (28:30) September 25&26, 2023

Five Ingredients You Need for a Healthy Family

Dr. Gary Chapman shares about creating a nurturing environment in your family. He will unpack five important traits: families serving together, the husbands and wives relating intimately on a physical and emotional level, parents guiding, children obeying and honoring parents, and finally, husbands loving and leading. You'll be inspired to help your family thrive.

Focus on the Family (28:30) September 29, 2023 Encouraging Your Kids to Discuss Their Feelings

Feelings can be confusing for children to experience and express. In this upbeat message, Dr. Joshua Straub will equip you to create a safe environment in your home, so that your children can express what they are feeling and learn how to manage their emotions.

LICENSE TO PARENT DAILY (1:00) License to Parent (1:00) airs Monday through Friday, 4:58 pm.

LICENSE TO PARENT DAILY (1:00) Thursday, July 13th, 2023 Public Parenting

You can hear them screaming, but why can't their parents? What leads to out-of-control kids in public?

Do you ever wonder why some parents allow their infants or young children unbridled crying and screaming in a public venue without any apparent attempt to comfort or correct their child? Beyond being just plain inconsiderate, parents often think that their child is just expressing themselves in a normal child-like manner.

Other times they simply do not know their options. If this describes you, you would do well to take your child out of the venue immediately for the sake of everyone around you and for the sake of your child. If it is appropriate you should also exercise proper discipline because ultimately there are two people who are gonna benefit most if discipline is truly needed; you and your child. Left unattended these actions can lead to you screaming during your child's teen years.

LICENSE TO PARENT DAILY (1:00) Friday, July 14th, 2023

What group honors honesty, service, and families? Would it shock you to know it is Millennials?

Despite all of the negative press about today's kids- here are a few things you might find interesting about the millennial generation. In many instances, they are more honest than their

parent's generation. They don't like hypocrisy (although they often don't recognize it in themselves), they find value in serving others, and they really value their own families. One way to cultivate a relationship with your teen might be going to your local park, sitting on a swing, and discussing ways to help make the world a better place. You can do things like volunteering at a food pantry, a homeless shelter, or a retirement home. Whatever the case it will be time spent with you; a bonding that cannot be had in cyberspace.

LICENSE TO PARENT DAILY (1:00)

Tuesday, July 18th, 2023

New You

Teen disrespect may come from past training. Who would train their child to disrespect them?

Many parents are confused as to what to do when their teenagers get disrespectful. However, if a teen is disrespectful it is because somewhere along the line they have been allowed to get away with it. What you thought was cute or fine back in the day is now ugly and not okay. If we tolerate even small disrespects when our kids are young, without quick and precise consequences, that disrespect will blossom into something more than just slight or cute when they hit puberty.

You create the precedent for how your child treats you. If you are wise you will have a heart-to-heart with your child, apologize for your past complacent role in allowing such behavior, and then let your child know that a new you is about to emerge.

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Thursday, July 20th, 2023

Life Shapers

Your children's lives are being shaped every day. Are you shaping the lives of your children or is something else?

When we see kids sitting down, lying around, or walking along the road with digital technology in their hands and ears from the time they get up to the time they lay down at night, we should ask ourselves; "who or what is really shaping these kids lives?" Are we giving time and energy to impressing God's word and values on our kids? Or are we allowing complete strangers through digital devices to do it for us?

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Thursday, July 27th, 2023

Grateful

There are many challenges in an "I want it now" world. How can we teach our kids to be grateful for what they have?

First, by not always getting your child what they want when they want it. Second, by letting them have some skin in the game. What does that mean? Teach them the virtue of delayed gratification and working for what they get. Requiring our kids to work for and save up for the little extras in life will not only make them more grateful, but they will learn to make more discriminate purchases as well.

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Friday, July 28th, 2023

Digital Stress

Are digital devices contributing to your life or taking away from it? It may be time to slow down and re-evaluate.

Digital technology has done much to fuel this crazy pace of life and that is why it is so important for us to be better models for our kids in the way we use it. Having a digital curfew each night, where all electronics are turned off, is a very good start.

LICENSE TO PARENT DAILY (1:00)

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

At Last

Is social media hazardous to the health of teens? According to the US Surgeon General, yes!

At last, even our Surgeon General can't deny what I have been crying out from the rooftops for over a decade now. Social media is hazardous to a teenager's health. Particularly those from the 90% club. I am talking about the percentage of teens who currently have unfettered access to their own smartphones.

It's not that science is just now being discovered on this issue, or even disseminated. The truth is that it is just now being received by a population more doomed by a woke fallacy than awakened to a cloaked reality. Many of these same people are mental health professionals. Just because something is legal doesn't make it smart or right. Even if fentanyl was legal it would still be lethal. So it is with social media and kids.

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Wednesday, August 2, 2023

At Last 2

Social media affects our teens' brains. This isn't just an unfounded opinion. The American Psychological Association agrees.

Not only is the Surgeon General now wise to the foolishness of giving kids unfettered access to social media, but even the American Psychological Association is on board. New studies show even more just how much social media is affecting our kids' brains.

Remember, the human brain is not even fully developed until the age of 25. You wouldn't offer your child unlimited amounts of illicit drugs or alcohol, would you? Yet digital abuse is having a very similar effect on our kids' brains.

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Thursday, August 3, 2023

Get A Job

Does your teenager really need a job? A job now will get them a jump start later.

For the sake of your child's future, along with his or her mental and physical health, you might be wise to insist that your teenager land a job. Preferably one that offers the learning of a skill. Help prep your kids now so that they'll not only get a jump start on the competition, but they'll also feel a whole lot better about themselves.

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Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Wise Friends

Help your kids find wisdom when you help them find good friends.

You may not want to choose your kids' friends, but it is incumbent upon you to teach your kids how to choose good friends and keep them from choosing bad ones.

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Thursday, August 10, 2023

Careful Discipline

Is there a difference between discipline and punishment?

Proverbs 13:24 says, "He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him."

First, spanking is an act of love when done within the biblical model. Second, punishment is a part of discipline and not necessarily mutually exclusive from it. Third, the passage says that we should be careful to discipline our children. This means that our discipline should never become abuse. Children can tell if it is really hurting you more than it is hurting them. So heed this proverb by exercising discipline with love and care.

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Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Kids of Substance

We all want to be a good example to our kids. What if we did this with our wallets?

One good way to impart character and wisdom to our kids is to model character and wisdom before them. One sure way to model these virtues is to live within our means. This means buying only what we can afford and not pretending to be somebody we are not.

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Wednesday, August 16th, 2023

Timeless

We all know the saying “times change”, but wisdom does not. How does this impact us in the day-to-day?

Though God’s word never changes with regard to moral right and wrong, times do. This is why wise parents take timeless biblical principles and plug them in with methods that best fit the scenarios of our times when raising our kids.

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Friday, August 18, 2023

The Eighth Sin

Entertainment, if not engaged appropriately, can become a deadly sin.

Today’s digital world gives kids an outlet to sin without stigma or impunity. This makes it all acceptable in their eyes. However, many of today’s culturally acceptable behaviors are keeping us estranged from God. So not only must we put better limits on our family’s digital habits, but we must fill the void with wholesome interaction lest our amusement gluttony become an eighth deadly sin.

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Wednesday, August 23, 2023

Gossip Reality

Are you training your children to gossip? Whether intentional or not, this warning may apply to you.

When you think about it, other than teaching and modeling for our kids the reality of God-raising emotionally healthy kids is largely about training them to think about others first rather

than themselves. This means that when we gossip about other people, particularly in front of our kids, we are not modeling the God-like quality that thinks of others by putting them first.

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Thursday, August 24, 2023

Discretion

Allowing your children to dress indiscreetly brings dishonor to God.

When bringing up our kids from the youngest age we need to be intentional about training them to use biblical discretion. This is because right now too many of our kids are taking their discretionary cues from our depraved culture. It saddens me to see how many young girls in particular are allowed to dress and wear their makeup to look like a 30-year-old streetwalker. It is unbecoming of any person. It is unbecoming to the parents who allow it and it is unbecoming to our God.

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Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Brain Drain

If you put garbage in, you will get garbage out!

In due time science always seems to confirm what scripture has already said about raising kids. When we train our kids in the way they should go science confirms that we are actually making healthy neuron connections in their brains. By the same token, when we allow our kids to indulge in sordid music, video games, TV, movies, or other unseemly amusements, we're again, building strong brain connections into them. Only this time these brain connections help your child to acquire appetites and potential addictions for some pretty awful things.

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Thursday, August 31st, 2023

Sudden

Things happen and your kids want answers. How can you begin to prepare for this unavoidable eventuality?

So many of our parenting woes stem from those difficult scenarios we suddenly find ourselves in with our kids for which we have no immediate answers. This coming counsel is not going to work without a little bit of faith and work on the parents' part. I am a firm believer that a solid knowledge of scripture, basically God's work in you, is any parent's greatest tool for the difficult times parents can suddenly find themselves in with their kids.

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Friday, September 1st, 2023

Current

Do your kids know what is going on in the news? Regardless- talk to them about it!

As our kids reach the teen years we do them and our posterity justice by discussing social issues and asking their opinions on current events. Events that will shape their futures. Our kid's generation will be the next movers, shakers, and policymakers that can either positively or negatively affect our nation's future. And who knows? It just might be one of our children who run for office or set the policy to make life better for the whole world.

But it starts with engaging in healthy dialogue with our kids now. This means the kind of dialogue that fosters responsibility and maturity, stimulates a general sense of patriotism and develops a healthy concern for others. This fulfills the golden rule and leads to an abundant life.

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Wednesday, September 6th, 2023

Grown Up Toys

Smartphones are not smart enough to protect your children. Are you?

Would you let your 13-year-old child hang out all day and all night with pimps, perverts, prostitutes, and pornographers? Would you invite those same people into your home, much less into the privacy of your child's bedroom? Or would you let your kids walk the streets of the sleaziest side of town, alone, at 3 o'clock in the morning?

Giving your kids unlimited and unsupervised access to smartphones is in many ways worse than everything I have just mentioned. Smartphones are for adults and carry with them adult responsibilities.

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Friday, September 8th, 2023

Training Patience

An adult's temperament is learned as a child. Take a look at your child; how will they turn out?

When our kids are young wise parents rarely give in to their child's impulsive urges. And if we are quick to bring consequences on our children for whining or acting out when they are told "no" the entitlement we see in so many kids today will never take root.

Your child will learn contentment and patience especially if you offer creative incentives or rewards for waiting. The point is that we do not want to feed into our children's impulsivity. It is true that good things come to those who wait.

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Thursday, September 14th, 2023

Wise Rebuke

A rebuke is an expression of sharp disapproval or criticism. We may not like it, but receiving a rebuke is good!

However, the ability to receive a rebuke is really a virtue. One which can be trained into our kids when we find ways to lovingly reward them when they receive them with good attitudes. It is not a bribe, but rather an encouragement to be wise. Proverbs 15:31 says, “He who listens to a life giving rebuke will be at home among the wise.” Wisdom is a path to success and can often begin with how a rebuke is received.

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Wednesday, September 20th, 2023

Many Choices

Helping your kids walk through a sea of choices by limiting their choices.

Today’s kids find it hard to make important choices. This is largely because of all of the additional choices the cyber world now has to offer them. Putting limits on excessive options and digital time is key.

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Thursday, September 21st, 2023

Fast Answers

Quick answers do not always equate to knowledge.

The internet has made our kids believe that there is an instant answer to everything all of the time. Google is the new 21st-century encyclopedia and for some the new 21st-century Bible. Our kids are used to having instant answers to everything, all the time, regardless of the veracity of the content. This causes them to confuse the difference between myriad information and pertinent usable knowledge. This is common to the undiscerning and naive.

So when false information on the net, or delayed information, concerning the difficult questions of our faith are experienced God can seem discredited. It is up to us to impart the wisdom our kids need to discern the difference between mere loads of information and pertinent usable knowledge.

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Friday, September 22nd, 2023
Finding Counsel

The best parenting counsel often comes from those around you.

Though parenting our kids should be the joy of our lives, it can also bring us some of the most incredible pain any human can experience. When it comes to the prodigal child, and particularly in Christian homes, two common errors we make are as follows. One, not sharing our grief with others in the faith, and two not drawing on the counsel of the wisdom of our elders. However, scripture tells us to both bear one another's burdens and to seek the counsel of many.

Out of fear of being judged or shamed, we are often too quick to seek professional help from people who don't really know us or our situations. Knowing there is a time for professional help, it may be wise for us to look first to those who know us best and love us most.

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Tuesday, September 26th, 2023
Trade-Off

Working Moms may bring in extra income, but there is another cost.

The popular sayings, "everything comes at a cost" and "life is a trade-off" are true in virtually every sense. This includes the costs and trade-offs we make when both parents choose to work outside the home during our kids' formative years. These would be the years from birth to 5 years old.

I know that for some of us two working parents is a must, but for others it is not. So, although it is not popular we must acknowledge that most of us don't understand all that is forfeited developmentally, relationally, and spiritually with respect to our kids and family dynamics when mom opts not to delay her career during junior's formative years. If we did I am sure that most of us would choose the benefits of full-time motherhood. It would not be time wasted.

LICENSE TO PARENT DAILY (1:00)
Wednesday, September 27th, 2023
Restraint

Is there really a link between video games and teen suicide?

We have talked before about how teens today are suffering from entertainment and electronic overload. This is having an unintended consequence in that the overstimulation of the pleasure centers in their brains is making it so that nothing satisfies them. When you cannot find satisfaction you lose hope. When you lose hope you lose the will to live. Is it any wonder then why American kids now lead the world in teen suicide?

The problem starts with a lack of self-restraint and discipline. As parents, we are not putting limits on our kids' electronic playtime and we are not teaching them to exercise restraint on their own. So let us heed Proverbs 19:18, "Discipline your son for in that there is hope. Do not be a willing party to his death."

LICENSE TO PARENT DAILY (1:00)

Thursday, September 28th, 2023

Hold Your Tongue

You may know what your kids need to hear.

Have you considered that you need to hear what they have to say?

As parents, we have a tendency to be too quick to talk and too slow to listen to our kids..

Our kids need to know that they have been heard by us. This gives them a tremendous sense of security. It is also a relationship builder.

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Friday, September 29th, 2023

Early Addict

Too many choices for your kids may negatively affect their future.

I was talking to a friend about a scene I had observed in a local restaurant one day. A parent was allowing his 4-year-old son to order off the menu for himself. A right that this child had obviously demanded routinely. When we routinely allow our kids to make too many choices they are likely to become entitled. This leads to unhealthy appetites and habits that can lead to addiction. So since even our kid's appetites can be trained, why not train them well?

License to Parent Weekend (28:30) Program dated

License to Parent (28:30) airs Saturdays at 11:32 am and Sunday, 3:02 pm.

License to Parent Weekend (28:30) July 1, 2023

Program dated Monday, June 26th, 2023

Digital Madness

Are we just being extreme or is our culture really descending into the abyss?

Episode Highlights:

What quote from Voltaire does Trace give? What does Trace believe is the real root of our society's mental health problems? Sin will take us __, cost us __, and keep us __. Who do Dr. Kardaras and Trace theorize God is using to wake up His people?

License to Parent Weekend (28:30) July 8, 2023

Program dated Monday, July 3rd, 2023

Daily Hope

Today's generation of kids lives without hope. Where can we find daily hope?
Episode Highlights:

What is the second leading cause of death in teens? What quote does Trace give from Voltaire? What is the main reason kids feel hopeless? What is our role as parents and grandparents?

License to Parent Weekend (28:30) July 22, 2023

Program dated Monday, July 17th, 2023

Prodigal

If you are disillusioned with doing things right listen in.

Discussing Endurance with Dr. John Trent & Kari Trent Stageberg

Episode Highlights:

How long does Kari say that she lived in rebellion? What does John Trent say to parents of children who walked away from God 20+ years ago and show no signs of returning? Where did John go in the Bible to find encouragement while his daughter was walking away from God? What does Hebrews 13:5 say? What does Kari say we don't get to choose?

License to Parent Weekend (28:30) July 29, 2023

Program dated Monday, July 24th, 2023

Feelings with John Rosemond

What has mental health become today? What role should it play instead?

Episode Highlights:

What does John call psychology? Why have people tried various times to take John's license away? What does John say is the truth about the mental health profession in America? Emotions are not more important than what? The more you talk to your child about their feelings the more – what?

License to Parent Weekend (28:30) August 5, 2023

Program dated Monday, July 31st, 2023

Feelings Pt. 2

What has mental health become today? What role should it play instead?

Last time on License to Parent we talked with John Rosemond about the mental health crisis and how it is affecting our teens.

Episode Highlights:

What difference has Trace seen in parents and kids since smartphones came out in the early 2000s? What does John say about the statistical data that the mental health field is helping reduce the mental health problem in America? What does Trace say about epigenetics? What is one of the most popular questions in psychology from a psychologist to their client? What does John have to say about that question?

License to Parent Weekend (28:30) August 12, 2023

Program dated Monday, August 7th, 2023

Enough is Enough

How can we bring a semblance of sanity and spiritual grounding back into our homes and nation?

Episode Highlights:

What word does Trace say some people argue that started America's loss of morality? What hypocrisy and cognitive dissonance does Trace point out? How did the redefinition of "freedom" lead to many of our problems today? What is Enough is Enough? What happened to the underground black market crimes when the internet debuted?

License to Parent Weekend (28:30) August 19, 2023

Program dated Monday, August 14th, 2023

Enough is Enough 2

How can we keep our children safe from the dangers facing them online?

Episode Highlights:

How did the internet help close the gap between boys and girls and pornography use? What dangers are girls more prone to over the internet than boys? What percentage of 8-12-year-olds are using social media (regardless of "age restrictions")? How many pro-eating disorder accounts does Instagram have? What is the most important thing that Christian parents need to do about this issue?

License to Parent Weekend (28:30) September 2&3, 2023

Program dated Monday, August 28th, 2023

Father Figure

A good father is a blessing, but is he a necessity?

Episode Highlights:

Why should a woman be teaching men about fatherhood issues? What helps dads become who they need to be? What is the hard yet simple thing that Dr. Meg references? What answer do the students of Shepherd's Hill give to the question, "What can we never stop doing?" What do parents believe about conflict? What two things do children need?

License to Parent Weekend (28:30) September 9&10, 2023

Program dated Monday, September 4th, 2023

Loving Our Children

How can you foster security and emotional well-being in your children?

Discussing Love with Dr. Gary Chapman

Episode Highlights:

What are the 5 love languages? What is your primary love language? What is/are your child(ren)'s primary love language(s)? Do you know for certain that your children feel loved? What is the value of affirming effort? Do gifts always have to cost money?

License to Parent Weekend (28:30) September 16&17, 2023

Program dated Monday, September 11th, 2023

In His Image

When society decides that reality is relative where can we go for solid ground?

Discussing Gender Identity with Tim Wildmon and Kendra White

Episode Highlights:

What was the inspiration behind the making of "In His Image"? What are the proposed reasons for the astronomical growth in women transitioning? What is the difference between gender dysphoria and gender confusion? What was the simple reality that the 11-year-old girl was struggling with which had her convinced she was gay? Who does the LGBTQ+ community want to be to your children?

License to Parent Weekend (28:30) September 23&24, 2023

Program dated Monday, September 18th, 2023

Vertical Marriage

How can we keep our families upright amidst the chaos of a world that has gone sideways?

Discussing Priorities with Dave and Ann Wilson

Episode Highlights:

Why is a child-centric parenting paradigm not good for children? What is Vertical Marriage about? Where do our eyes go when they are not on Jesus? What is the first step to re-prioritizing your family dynamic? How can the unprioritized spouse confront the “offending” spouse on their priorities?

PARENTING TODAY’S TEENS DAILY (1:00)

Parenting Today’s Teens Daily airs Monday through Friday, 4:57 pm.

PARENTING TODAY’S TEENS DAILY (1:00) July 3, 2023 – Monday

Title: Having It All Together

Description: When raising teens, we tend to forget that no one is perfect.

PARENTING TODAY’S TEENS DAILY (1:00) July 6, 2023 – Thursday

Title: Balancing Protection and Preparation

Description: There’s a fine line between protecting kids and preparing kids for the real world.

PARENTING TODAY’S TEENS DAILY (1:00) July 7, 2023 – Friday

Title: Entanglements

Description: When teens get in trouble, sometimes the best remedy isn’t rescuing them from their problems.

PARENTING TODAY’S TEENS DAILY (1:00) July 19, 2023 – Wednesday

Title: Start Listening

Description: Spending time listening to your teen communicates much more than words ever could!

PARENTING TODAY’S TEENS DAILY (1:00) July 24, 2023 – Monday

Title: Unbridled Entitlement

Description: What’s behind a generation of kids who are characterized by a sense of entitlement?

PARENTING TODAY’S TEENS DAILY (1:00) July 27, 2023 – Thursday

Title: The Source of Anger

Description: Look beyond your teen’s anger to see what’s really going on.

PARENTING TODAY’S TEENS DAILY (1:00) August 3 – Thursday

Title: Spend Less Time Controlling

Description: Choose to spend less time controlling and more time fostering independence.

PARENTING TODAY’S TEENS DAILY (1:00) August 10 – Thursday

Title: Filling the Emptiness

Description: How is your teen satisfying their need for belonging?

PARENTING TODAY'S TEENS DAILY (1:00) August 17 – Thursday

Title: Kids Make Mistakes

Description: A teen's blunder can lead to crisis—or it can lead to change.

PARENTING TODAY'S TEENS DAILY (1:00) August 23 – Wednesday

Title: Dangers of Authoritarian Parenting

Description: An overly strict parent plus a struggling teen make for a hazardous combination.

PARENTING TODAY'S TEENS DAILY (1:00) August 30 – Wednesday

Title: Purpose Behind Discipline

Description: Feel like “The Enforcer” all the time? Let your child know your reasons behind the rules.

PARENTING TODAY'S TEENS DAILY (1:00) September 4 – Monday

Title: You Are Irreplaceable!

Description: The most valuable person in a teen's life is you!

PARENTING TODAY'S TEENS DAILY (1:00) September 13 – Wednesday

Title: Curbing Disrespect

Description: Curtailing rudeness in your teen's behavior is difficult—but necessary!

PARENTING TODAY'S TEENS DAILY (1:00) September 15 – Friday

Title: Watching Movies Together

Description: Use films to connect with your teen and teach them at the same time!

PARENTING TODAY'S TEENS DAILY (1:00) September 26 – Tuesday

Title: Over-Supplying Their Needs

Description: Could your teen use a little more maturity? Helpful tips for growing independence.

PARENTING TODAY'S TEENS DAILY (1:00) September 27 – Wednesday

Title: Teaching Forgiveness

Description: The only way kids will learn the power of forgiveness is if they see it in our lives first.

PARENTING TODAY'S TEENS WEEKEND (25:00)

Parenting Today's Teens air Saturdays at 12:05 pm.

PARENTING TODAY'S TEENS WEEKEND (25:00) SATURDAY, JULY 1,
2023

5 MARKERS OF A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR TEEN

Wouldn't it be nice to have a close and healthy relationship with your teen? That's what every parent wants! But what would that even look like? Mark Gregston shares five important ways you can create a strong, lasting bond with your child, in every stage of life.

PARENTING TODAY'S TEENS WEEKEND (25:00) SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2023
CONFRONTING YOUR TEEN'S LIES

When your teen has lied and deceived you more times than you can count, it's hard to believe a single word they say. Is there any hope of ever rebuilding the trust in your relationship? Mark Gregston shares which responses to dishonesty are helpful—and which responses you need to avoid.

PARENTING TODAY'S TEENS WEEKEND (25:00) SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023
WHEN YOUR FAMILY IS IN CRISIS

Are you experiencing helplessness, hopelessness, or fear regarding your teen? You don't have to do this alone. It's okay to ask for help! Mark Gregston encourages parents to take action when their family is in crisis and outlines a three-step plan for intervention.

PARENTING TODAY'S TEENS WEEKEND (25:00) SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2023
6 WAYS TO STOP YELLING AT YOUR TEEN

Does every confrontation with your teen end in a yelling match? Do you feel like you're living in a constant war zone? There are better ways to handle conflict! Mark Gregston teaches parents how to control their anger and resolve conflict in a healthy way.

PARENTING TODAY'S TEENS WEEKEND (25:00) SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2023
MOTIVATING AN UNMOTIVATED TEEN

Do you struggle to get your teen to do his homework, help with chores, or get out of the house? You can't know how to help him until you know what's behind the behavior. Mark Gregston helps parents identify the reasons behind their teens' lack of motivation and provides action steps for each type of scenario.

PARENTING TODAY'S TEENS WEEKEND (25:00) SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023
Learning to Listen When All You Want to Do is Talk

Parents have a lifetime of experience and wisdom to share with their teens. Sometimes it's tempting to say everything that comes to mind! But that's not always helpful. This weekend on

Parenting Today's Teens, Mark Gregston cautions parents that if your child rolls her eyes when you open your mouth, you may be talking too much!

PARENTING TODAY'S TEENS WEEKEND (25:00) SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023

When Teen Anger Hurts the Family

Teenaged anger can explode like a bomb in a family. And the fallout hurts everyone in the home. This weekend on Parenting Today's Teens, Mark Gregston helps parents understand what's motivating their teen's outbursts—and what they can do to defuse their anger and restore peace at home.

PARENTING TODAY'S TEENS WEEKEND (25:00) SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023

Grandparents Who Make a Difference for Teens

Everyone "oohs and aah's" over grandbabies. But these precious little ones can be more challenging during the teen years. And yet this can be the time when grandparents make the most significant impact. This weekend on Parenting Today's Teens, Mark Gregston shares practical ways grandparents can stay connected and make a difference in the lives of their teenaged grandchildren.

PARENTING TODAY'S TEENS WEEKEND (25:00) SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023

Teen Promiscuity

Today's teens are growing up in a sex-saturated society. And it's imperative for all parents to understand why some teens become sexually active. This weekend on Parenting Today's Teens, Mark Gregston coaches parents about what to do and what not to do if they find out their teen is sexually active.

PARENTING TODAY'S TEENS WEEKEND (25:00) SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

Does Your Teen Hate Being Home?

Whether they're pushing back against house rules, avoiding tension with Mom and Dad, or seeking freedom elsewhere, some teens avoid being at home. This weekend on Parenting Today's Teens, Mark Gregston gives parents helpful ways to make home a place your teen wants to be!

PARENTING TODAY'S TEENS WEEKEND (25:00) SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

When Teens Don't Care About Anything

Is your teen uninterested in the things he used to love? Does he make up excuses to avoid going places and doing just about anything? If your teen just doesn't care, then there's something else going on! This weekend on Parenting Today's Teens, Mark Gregston helps parents understand what's behind their teen's apathetic attitude.

PARENTING TODAY'S TEENS WEEKEND (25:00) SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

Why is Your Teen Smoking Pot?

The popular view of marijuana is changing and the stigmas surrounding pot are falling away. Parents need to come to grips with the reality that pot is more permissible, accessible, and available to teens today. This weekend on Parenting Today's Teens, Mark Gregston shares the top reasons teens are smoking pot and how to respond.

PARENTING TODAY'S TEENS WEEKEND (25:00) SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

What is Self-Harm and Why Do Teens Do It?

Teenagers with unexplained marks and cuts on their bodies are crying out for help. And while it's hard to imagine why anyone might want to cause themselves pain, parents need to recognize the signs of self-harm. This weekend on Parenting Today's Teens, Mark Gregston coaches parents on how to get help for teens involved in self harm.

PARENTING TODAY'S TEENS WEEKEND (25:00) SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Healthy Boundaries for Teens With Phones

Cell phones have become our teens' primary connection to friends and family. But every parent knows that these mobile devices are both a blessing—and a curse! This weekend on Parenting Today's Teens, Mark Gregston shares his views on cell phones and coaches parents on how to set up house rules to safeguard their teen.

TALK AROUND TOWN – A WEEKLY INFORMATIONAL PROGRAM (12:00)

Talk Around Town (12:00) - airs Saturdays at 5:30 pm, and Sundays at 6:45 am.

Talk Around Town (12:00) – Saturday, July 1, 2023 and Sunday, July 2, 2023
“Raising Pro-Life Kids” with Robyn Chambers

Robyn details topics and procedures to teach children to embrace a 'pro-life' stance.

**Talk Around Town (12:00) – Saturday, July 8&15, 2023 and Sunday, July 9&16, 2023
“First Job after College” with Lisa Anderson**

Lisa provides ‘bullet points’ for recent grads to incorporate into their applications and interviews for their post-college employment.

**Talk Around Town (12:00) – Saturday, July 29 and August 12, 2023 and Sunday, July 30 and August 13, 2023
“Alzheimer’s Association with information on local Conference”**

The President of Alzheimer’s Association discusses the disease, how we should relate / help, and the upcoming NJ conference.

**Talk Around Town (12:00) – Saturday, August 5, 2023 and Sunday, August 6, 2023
“Media Detox” with Lisa Anderson**

Time people of all ages are devoting to their phones, computers, TV’s etc. is alarming and addicting. She presents steps to ‘wean’ yourself and create ‘reasonable’ listening / viewing schedules.

**Talk Around Town (12:00) – Saturday, August 19&26, 2023 and Sunday, August 20&27, 2023
“Media Review: The Chosen and others”**

Christian Producers are now releasing truly quality movies and series. There are sites that review them (and secular ones too). We need to GO see them – if nothing more than to support and encourage creation of more.

**Talk Around Town (12:00) – Saturday, September 2&9, 2023 and Sunday, September 3&10, 2023
“Back to School Stress” with Danny Huertas**

While many eagerly look forward to school’s reopening, there ARE related stresses. Some have always existed, but others are unique to our times. Potential issues are considered and ‘helps’ are presented.

**Talk Around Town (12:00) – Saturday, September 16, 2023 and Sunday, September 17, 2023
“Finding a Counselor” with Rob Jackson**

Many are looking for counselling – for life issues. The ‘stigma’ (thankfully) is less nowadays, BUT it is IMPERATIVE that the Counselor is qualified... and shares your core values. Points to consider in your search are listed.

Talk Around Town (12:00) – Saturday, September 23, 2023 and Sunday, September 24, 2023

“Foster Placement” with Dr. Sharen Ford

The need for Foster parents is greater than ever, and in great lack. Some children are even being ‘housed’ in jails! Dr. Ford provides information and resource sites to assist in becoming involved. The rewards are priceless.