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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.

Abortion Is Making Us Pagan: Should the Strong Crush the Weak?

10/3/23

Christians who work in politics to end legalized abortion do so because innocent lives are at stake. That would be enough cause in and of itself. However, abortion isn't just one of the many issues that we should care about. In many ways, abortion, perhaps more than any other single issue, symbolizes our society's core beliefs. Simply put, Christian societies do not kill their smallest, most vulnerable members. Pagan societies, on the other hand, do.

There is no group weaker or more vulnerable than unborn babies. Yet these are precisely the victims that feminists and secular progressives insist we must ignore to advance sexual freedom. We have all seen how much the rhetoric is heating up, both against those who work to save preborn lives and now for the legal extension of so-called "medical aid in dying" to children with disabilities.

The Crisis of Trust in Science: Honest Research Requires Honest Researchers

10/5/23

Last year, Pew Research reported that only 29% of Americans now are willing to say they have a “great deal of confidence” in medical scientists to act in the best interests of the public. That represents an 11% decline since 2020. This dramatic drop is both significant, given the historic importance of medical research in shaping public opinion, and understandable, given a growing crisis in the reliability of scientific research overall.

The Atrocities of Hamas and the Reality of Evil

Examining different worldviews of evil and why we must work and pray to bring God’s right understanding in this moment.

10/10/23

Hamas didn’t simply attack Israeli military units or take out strategic targets. They mutilated the bodies of Jewish soldiers, killed entire families, kidnapped children and the elderly, and sexually assaulted women and girls before either killing them or carting them back to Gaza as trophies. Our contemporary worldviews are wholly inadequate when it comes to recognizing, understanding, and responding to evil

Lessons From the Soviets about Sexual Morality

The experiment of abolishing marriage and family.

10/12/23

Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels believed the nuclear family was, like religion, just another means of keeping the working class oppressed. According to the Marxist dialectic version of history, prehistoric humanity lived in a state of free love, and the nuclear family only emerged to protect the property rights of the rich through inheritance, keep workers content with less, and enslave women to the home.

History is full of examples of societies that tamper with God’s design for marriage, sex, and the family. It’s no coincidence that ideas with distinct roots in cultural Marxism, also decry marriage and the family as oppressive institutions that should be reimaged and sexual morality as outdated and even harmful.

The Rise of AI Girlfriends

With technology offering drama-free companionship, engaging our culture means re-humanizing it.

10/13/23

One of the most telling statistics from the General Social Survey, is that Americans are having less sex now than they did in 1980s and 1990s.

The decline of sex and the rise of high-tech sex alternatives have gone hand-in-hand. Online pornography use, for instance, has become ubiquitous. The Institute for Family Studies reported in 2022 that a majority of men ages 30-49 say they’ve watched pornography in the past month.

Now, another emerging alternative to real women will likely draw even more men into unreality. These apps promise AI-airbrushed pornography. Users customize body type, face shape, and hair color to “create their dream companion. These apps offer not only simulated sex, but also the promise of companionship and emotional attention. If falling in love with a computer is the alternative, we may be well on our way.

Barbaric Norms: Hamas, Israel, and Just War **10/16/23**

The despicable and horrendous attacks by Hamas against civilians last week, including beheading children and kidnapping the elderly, seems a throwback to some distant, barbaric past of human history. We may have thought the world had long ago outgrown such barbarity, but it hasn't.

Such brutality should sicken us, though it is far more common in human history, even modern history, than we admit.

With the decline of Christian influence on the West, we should expect to see a resurgence of the kind of bloodlust and sadism that characterized most of human history

The EU's Antihumanism

Why new regulations liberating the use of embryonic human beings to mitigate medical issues reveals a darker side of Western medicine.

10/18/23

Late last month, a large majority of Members of the European Parliament (MEP) voted to pass a regulation that will protect the donation and destruction of so-called “substances of human origin” for the sake of “patient health.” A group of European Union Catholic bishops warns that the language of “substances of human origin” (or SoHOs) includes not only donated blood or tissues from adults, but also embryos and fetuses.

The language is so broad, according to the bishops, not only would the donation of unwanted, artificially inseminated embryos and unfertilized cells be permitted, but also unwanted, naturally conceived preborn children prior to viability. And, because the regulation requires special steps to ensure that “genetic conditions” not be transmitted to SoHO recipients and offspring, the regulation could give researchers and practitioners license to destroy embryos with, say, Down syndrome or other disabilities diagnosed in utero.

Part of what is driving the increased interest in harvesting fetal tissue and embryos for use in medical treatment is to address what's been billed as an “organ shortage crisis.” That suggestion, especially in light of new regulations that categorize embryos as “substances of human origin” that can be used for medical purposes, more than opens the door to dangerous ethical ground.

America's Confusing Relationship with Children

Americans want more kids, but don't have them.

10/24/23

As births in the U.S. sink farther below the replacement rate, and the average age of first marriage hovers near an all-time high, a growing number of people are seeing the appeal of a life centered more around family than career, success, or status. This, however, only makes our nation's empty maternity wards and rock-bottom birth rates more puzzling. What is growing in America are not families, but the chasm between the families Americans say they want and the families they are forming

Americans actively opt for child-free lives. For instance, more and more households are choosing pets over children. The way we live, the things we value, the roles we assume, and the priorities we set have made family an afterthought.

Age of Consent in an Age of Discontent

In a win for LGBTQ, new bill places agents of the state between parents and children as young as 12 years old.

10/27/23

A new California law will enable strangers to lead children 12 and older on matters of mental health and their home life without requiring any parental consent.

Far from empowering young people, California's new law is rooted in a lie about what it means to be human. At the core of this bill is an idea that humans, including young people, are self-determined, self-defined beings who should have no restraints on what they desire or believe. Most importantly, the bill undermines the parent-child relationship, the most vital relationship for a child's health and wellbeing. In its place, the law offers absolute autonomy to young people, despite their youth and immaturity.

This view of people, especially children, is deeply flawed. Bad ideas beget worse ideas. The only way to truly empower children is by protecting the rights of parents to protect their hearts, minds, and bodies. No other relationship can replace parental protection and guidance. Certainly the state cannot. Kids don't need "empowerment." They need parents.

Woman Sues American Academy of Pediatrics for Fraud and Malpractice

One more victory for kids if lawsuit against medical professionals encouraging the sex-change of a minor wins.

11/16/23

Last month, 20-year-old Isabelle Ayala filed a first-of-its-kind lawsuit, accusing the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) of civil conspiracy, fraud, and medical malpractice. Ayala claims

to have been pressured by AAP-affiliated doctors into so-called “gender-affirming care” as a minor. If successful, this lawsuit could protect many, many minors from these horrific, experimental chemical and surgical interventions. The many medical professionals who perpetrated this harm would be held accountable and, in the future, forced to do their job helping rather than harming

What Is Medicine For?

The healthcare system’s unhealthy shift from objective wellbeing to a consumer industry.

11/17/23

The way back to a healthy healthcare system is by recovering the definition of health as “an objective bodily norm for all living organisms.”

If health either is not real or is not good, patients have no intrinsic reason to choose health rather than other desired states; nor do physicians have any intrinsic reason to make health central to their practice and profession.

Once the normal and healthy functioning of human bodies are considered “oppressive” and “optional,” healthcare is reduced to a highly consequential and potentially fatal art project.

Johannes Kepler, Thinking God’s Thoughts After Him

Scientist who brought us revolutionary discovery on functions of the universe, deferred to God to lead him in all his works.

11/27/23

November marks the death of Johannes Kepler, one of the most important figures of the Scientific Revolution and a scientist who was motivated by his Christian beliefs. The significance of Kepler’s work can only be understood in light of what he faced and risked. The settled science of his day was that the Earth stood at the center of the universe. To challenge that meant to challenge the entire, accepted understanding of physics.

Kepler knew his theories would be rejected by scientists, but he didn’t care. It had taken eons before anyone discovered how God had structured the universe, so Kepler figured he could wait another century or so to be proven right. His faith in the intelligibility of the universe was grounded in his belief that the world was governed by divine reason, the Logos. This led him to examine the world systematically, to not take shortcuts, to use what God gave him and, in the end, to lay the foundations for modern astronomy and physics.

The Spike in Congenital Syphilis

This cultural moment considers limiting self-expression immoral, no matter how dangerous the diseases linked to that expression are.

11/28/23

The United States has seen a dramatic increase in the number of syphilis cases among newborn babies, according to a recent report from the Center for Disease Control. According to the CDC, the situation is “dire.”

It’s considered immoral, in this cultural moment, to limit anyone’s self-expression. The diseases and dangers linked to irresponsible sexual expression are disconnected from the behaviors.

Most government-funded efforts to combat the spread of sexually transmitted infections never mention risky sexual behavior. Creators of proven, effective abstinence education resources testify how oddly difficult it is to even gain access to public schools. Even doctors concerned about the spread of congenital syphilis cannot seem to bring themselves to recommend sexual risk avoidance.

At the root of the selective outrage is a warped idea of what it means to be human. A worldview that says humans are fundamentally incapable of practicing sexual abstinence assumes that human beings are mere animals. Sadly, the skyrocketing cases of babies born with congenital syphilis are just the latest example of kids paying the highest price for adults’ bad ideas.

The Death of Debate

National debate championship goes off-topic and then off the rails for the sake of woke tyranny.
11/29/23

The National Speech and Debate Association is the largest league of its kind in the nation. For nearly one hundred years, it has trained students to reason and speak effectively about issues significant to people and society. It would be reasonable to think that the debaters who rise to the top of this league have become masters of reason and argument, able to speak persuasively on a range of topics. That is no longer the case.

The notion that no one should be able to do, pursue, appreciate, argue, or think about anything else but your cause is a form of intellectual tyranny that, if tolerated widely, can quickly erode the foundations of a free society

The Global Resurgence of Antisemitism

12/1/23

Since October 7, the world has seen a resurgence of antisemitism, open and raw. In America, this has come especially from institutions of higher education though also from secondary schools and at city council meetings.

No other groups have faced so many attempts at eradication by so many, yet they remain. The continued existence of the Jews is a powerful witness of God’s faithfulness to His world and to His promises.

AI Photo Editing and the Blurring of Fact and Fantasy

12/5/23

What is the boundary between fiddling with a photo and faking one? Does it even matter?

Such questions will soon be forced on us through the integration of artificial intelligence with smartphones. Images entirely generated by AI, often incorporating real people's likenesses, are becoming nearly indistinguishable from photos.

Increasingly, the fundamental worldview question of our age is "What is real?" Fake photos, artificial wombs, and AI chatbots posing as friends are just a few examples of technology that is challenging our understanding of reality.

Here are two principles to keep in mind as we "go boldly forth into this future" of AI, smartphones, and photography.

First, we should never lie, not even with AI. Second, we shouldn't look to technology to replace human ability. Somewhere between using AI to edit out a trash can in a family photo and using it to create a fake family member for Instagram, a moral line is crossed. We need wisdom in the days ahead, not just artificial intelligence.

Silence! I'm An Expert: Progressive Dominance and the Crisis of Free Speech

On college campuses nationwide, conservatism is rare and full of lunacy, while progressivism is unquestionable.

12/13/23

Last week, the presidents of Harvard University, the University of Pennsylvania, and MIT refused to condemn calls for Jewish genocide as bullying or harassment. While horrible antisemitic speech and behavior have long been defended on their campuses, this debacle occurred before the United States Congress. The presidents attempted to appeal to free speech rights, differentiating between speech and conduct via statements obviously crafted by lawyers. Their comments shocked and outraged many. UPenn's president resigned, after initially attempting to walk back her comments. Harvard's president quickly apologized, while the MIT board of directors issued a statement in support of their president.

Polling confirms that institutions of higher learning suffer from a public credibility crisis.

Ideas have consequences, and bad ideas have victims. Few institutions have propagated as many bad ideas and spat them into society as our universities.

Parents are the Single Best Antidote to Covid "Learning Loss"

The differences between a state-centric plan to educate the next generation versus a family/church-centric plan are clear and devastating.

12/20/23

Public schools, under the direction of teachers' unions and, at times, overzealous public officials, stayed closed for weeks, months, and, in some cases, years longer than private schools. Now, the results are in from these experiments, and the data show a devastating effect on kids.

The fact that so-called "distance learning" was mostly "no learning" says a lot about the kind of creatures human beings are. Kids, like all humans, are embodied beings, which makes being physically together with others a categorically different thing than only seeing faces on a screen.

The data on COVID-era learning loss reveals something else about children. The terrible numbers were not nearly as terrible for kids with heavily engaged parents. This played out in multiple ways. In the cases of schools that reopened much earlier than others, it was often parents pushing local officials. For kids forced into prolonged distance learning, those with parents who made sure they showed up to Zoom class and helped with homework did best overall.

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.

10/7/23 & 10/10/23

Conference, Leisure and American Education, and the Crisis of Trust in Science

John and Maria discuss the hotly debated conference at Andy Stanley's North Point Community Church. How is boredom affecting American education? And science is facing a lack of trust over a series of questionable studies.

10/14/23 & 10/17/23

The Attack on Israel

John Stonestreet and Shane Morris discuss the barbarity of the Hamas attack on civilians in Israel and the worldview that brought us such barbarity.

10/21/23 & 10/24/23

Israel, Hamas, and Just War: Interviews with Joel Rosenberg and Eric Patterson

John Stonestreet sits down with Joel Rosenberg and Eric Patterson to discuss the war in Israel.

Joel Rosenberg is the host and executive producer of THE ROSENBERG REPORT, the only weekly, prime time news and commentary show about Israel on any American news channel.

Eric Patterson, Ph.D. serves as President of the Religious Freedom Institute, past dean of the Robertson School of Government at Regent University and a Research Fellow

at Georgetown University's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace & World Affairs. Patterson has provided briefings and seminars for multiple government agencies, including France's Ministry of Defense, U.S. Department of State, U.S. Central Command, U.S. European Command, U.S. Naval War College, U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, the U.S. military academies, and many others.

10/28/23 & 10/31/23

Worldviews, the Rise of Antisemitism, and Defending Religious Freedom

John Stonestreet and Maria Baer discuss the worldviews behind recent tragic headlines, including the shooting in Maine and the war in Israel.

Alliance Defending Freedom is being targeted with a false narrative about their mission.

11/4/23 & 11/7/23

Worldview Implications of Critical Theory: A Conversation with Neil Shenvi and Pat Sawyer

Dr. Timothy Padgett, Resident Theologian for the Colson Center, hosts a conversation with Christian scholars Neil Shenvi, Ph.D. and Pat Sawyer, Ph.D. as they break down the roots of Critical Theory and how it's impacted our culture.

Neil Shenvi and Pat Sawyer have delved into this important issue as a part of their general work and in writing a recent book entitled, *Critical Dilemma: The Rise of Critical Theories and Social Justice Ideology—Implications for the Church and Society*.

11/11/23 & 11/14/23

The Nashville Shooter's Manifesto, and Growing Syphilis Cases Among Newborns

John and Maria discuss The Nashville shooter's manifesto was leaked but we noticed a stark difference with other mass shootings. And the number of newborn syphilis cases is becoming a crisis.

11/18/23 & 11/21/23

Atheist Ayaan Hirsi Ali Claims to be Christian and the Growth of Homeschooling

Human rights activist Ayaan Hirsi Ali, a former Muslim, announces she's now a former atheist and exploring Christianity. Also, the growth of homeschooling continues in the US. John and Maria look at some of the reasons why.

11/25/23 & 11/28/23

Narrative of the Club Q Shooting, and the Long Effect of School Lockdowns

The Club Q shooting in Colorado Springs was a year ago but the media keeps pushing a false narrative. And the devastating effects of the Covid lockdowns on education.

12/9/23 & 12/12/23

Antisemitism At America's elite university's., Surrogacy for Gay Couples

Three presidents of America's most elite universities raised eyebrows this week in their testimony before Congress when they refused to denounce antisemitic hate speech on their campuses.. And John and Maria discuss the ethical implications of homosexual couples having children via surrogates.

12/16/23 & 12/19/23

Genetic Testing, and Rob Reiner's Christian Nationalism Documentary

John Stonestreet and Maria Baer discuss prenatal genetic testing and Trisomy 18 after a Texas woman's request for an abortion was denied by the Texas Supreme Court. Also, Rob Reiner is releasing a negative documentary on Christian Nationalism

12/23/23 & 12/26/23

"Bluey" Accused of Being too Pro-Dad, and the Worldview of Christmas

John and Maria discuss the inconsistencies and fallout from the Pope's decision to "bless" same-sex "marriage". A New York Times op-ed criticizes a popular children's program for its dad-affirming story lines.

FAITH AND FINANCE DAILY (25:00)

Faith and Finance airs weekdays 12:05 pm.

**5 Types of Loans To Avoid With Howard Dayton
Monday, Oct 2, 2023**

Howard Dayton is the founder of Compass— Finances God's Way and the former host of this program.

*Finance Company loans: High interest rates, large fees, and closing costs.

*Payday loans: Viewed as "legalized robbery."

*Pawnshop loans: Short-term loans based on an item's value which is lost if the loan isn't repaid on time.

*Auto title loans: 30-day loans using car titles as collateral.

*Tax refund loans: People anticipate tax refunds in April but might take a loan if they're cash-strapped.

DO YOU HAVE ANY TOOLS OR RESOURCES TO HELP PEOPLE NAVIGATE THEIR FINANCES BETTER?

A six-week video titled "Navigating Your Finances God's Way." - Covers topics like debt, saving, generosity, investment, work, honesty, etc. Suitable for various settings: Sunday school, small groups, workshops, or individual study.

Financial Potholes that Can Wreck Your Budget Thursday, Oct 5, 2023

So, let's look at three financial potholes that can wreck your budget. You'll save money — and a big headache — if you can steer clear of these:

1. SCAMS: Protection Measures:

Keep devices updated with antivirus software.

Guard your social security number and passwords.

Learn more about identity theft at the FTC's website or call 877-ID THEFT.

Avoid clicking on links from suspicious emails or texts.

Double-check claims from suspicious communications before acting.

Stop and verify the source if feeling pressured.

2. MONEY LEAKS: Small charges or expenses that accumulate unnoticed.

Free trials: Risk of forgetting to cancel after the trial ends.

Auto-renewing subscriptions: Often forgotten and can renew indefinitely.

Stewardship means knowing where money is spent.

3. IMPULSE SPENDING: Often only occasional but has both spiritual and financial implications.

CONCLUSION: By being aware of these financial potholes, one can better avoid them. For more guidance on financial planning, visit faithfi.com or download the faithfi app.

7 Steps to Challenge Your Property Assessment Tuesday, Oct 10, 2023

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It's great when the value of your home goes up, but there's also a serious downside. Homeowners all across America are getting notices that their property taxes are increasing. But are those assessments accurate? And if not, what can you do about it? Homeowners can challenge these tax assessments, with a 20-40% success rate. To appeal:

- *Determine the appeal deadline, usually indicated on the assessment notice.
- *Understand the assessment process, typically a market value percentage.
- *Ensure you receive applicable reductions, such as homestead exemptions or credits for certain demographics.
- *Verify the accuracy of your property's official description for any discrepancies.
- *Compare your property to similar local properties—considering size, features, and amenities.
- *If your property is assessed higher than comparable homes, gather evidence and start the appeal process.
- *File the appeal, possibly awaiting a few months for a decision.

3 Objectives for Successful Investing **Wednesday, Oct 11, 2023**

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SAFETY: It's the primary objective investors usually want. Though no investment is entirely safe, government-issued bonds are considered the safest, backed by the U.S. government's full faith and credit. AAA-rated corporate bonds from large stable companies like Apple or Amazon are nearly as safe. Other relatively safe investments include the "money market," which covers Treasury bills, CDs, commercial paper, and bankers' acceptance slips. However, with safety comes the "opportunity cost." For instance, funds in CDs might be safe but could forego higher potential returns from more aggressive investments.

INCOME: Income-centric investors are usually retirees looking for a steady stream of income and are willing to take on slightly more risk. They may choose government and corporate bonds but are also open to Double-A, A, or Triple-B rated bonds for higher income despite the increased risk. Some might venture into purchasing preferred stock shares or dividend-paying common stocks.

CAPITAL GROWTH: Capital growth is the increase in value realized upon selling the asset. Investments in this category include stocks, mutual funds, index funds, exchange-traded funds, precious metals, and real estate. While these investments carry more risk than safety and income categories, they hold the promise of potentially higher returns over time.

CONCLUSION: Investors need to determine the right balance between safety, income, and growth based on their financial goals and risk tolerance.

Financial Information to Collect in Case of Emergency **Tuesday, Oct 31, 2023**

Accidents and natural disasters are always in the news, but we never really expect them to happen to us, do we?

PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS: Rob stresses the importance of storing original documents securely, either in a safe deposit box or a fireproof safe at home, and keeping copies on a thumb drive or in the cloud.

Lists essential documents to have on hand: Identity and family status proofs like driver's licenses, birth certificates, social security cards, marriage and divorce papers, etc. Tax, real estate, and insurance documents, including tax returns from the past six to seven years, real estate titles, vehicle registrations and titles, and all insurance policies. Emphasizes the necessity of having originals or certified copies of identity-verifying documents.

MEDICAL FILES AND EMERGENCY PLANNING: It's important to compile and store medical histories, prescription information, and plans for any special care required due to health conditions. Have copies of health insurance cards and contact information for healthcare providers readily available, as well as living wills, healthcare directives, and powers of attorney for healthcare.

PREPARATION FOR DEATH IN THE FAMILY: Consider the often overlooked but essential preparations for the event of death, whether one's own or a family member's. Have information and documents such as cemetery plot titles, funeral instructions, benefits information, and account statements readily available. Securely store legal documents like wills and contact information for legal and financial advisors, and provide a list of individuals who should be notified.

ENCOURAGEMENT AND BIBLICAL WISDOM: Of course, nobody wants to think about possible emergencies, but being prepared will make a difficult time less stressful for your family. Taking care of these details in advance is also part of being a good steward of everything God has given you.

A Home Buyer's Market?

Wednesday, Nov 15, 2023

Normally, November through February are the slowest months of the year for home sales, and that means buyers have more bargaining power. Will it happen this year? Dale Vermillion gives us his take on the market today.

CURRENT TRENDS IN INTEREST RATES AND MORTGAGES: Dale notes that interest rates are continuing to rise, but there's hope for decreases in 2024 as predicted by the Mortgage Bankers Association.

HOME VALUES AND MARKET DYNAMICS: Home values are moderating, with some markets experiencing price drops. A 3% increase in property values is expected overall for the year.

ADVICE FOR POTENTIAL HOMEBUYERS: Vermillion advises consulting multiple lenders, preparing income documentation, aiming for a 20% down payment to avoid mortgage insurance, and doing thorough homework before approaching a mortgage.

Lowering Energy Costs at Home this Winter Wednesday, Nov 22, 2023

ENERGY-SAVING TIPS: 1. Ceiling Fans: Reverse ceiling fan direction clockwise in winter to circulate warm air from the ceiling. 2. Conserve Electricity: Unplug electronic devices when not in use. Use power strips to easily cut off power to multiple devices. 3. Chargers: Unplug device chargers when not in use to prevent unnecessary energy draw. 4. Home Maintenance: Seal drafty doors and windows. Install foam gaskets behind switches and outlets on exterior walls for better insulation. Ensure proper attic insulation. Regularly check heating and air system filters. 5. Thermostat Setting: Keep at 68 degrees when the heat is on. 6. Utilize Sunlight: Open shades during the day for solar heat; close them at night for insulation. 7. Additional Clothing: Add a layer of clothes before adjusting the thermostat. 8. Avoid Blocking Vents: Ensure no furniture or obstructions are blocking heating vents. 9. Consult Power Company: Check for energy-saving suggestions and potential rebates for energy-efficient upgrades. 10. Lighting: Upgrade to LED bulbs for efficiency and use photocells and motion sensor lighting for outdoor areas

Make S.M.A.R.T Financial Resolutions Monday, Dec 18, 2023

Break old habits and develop new good habits.

Make a clear plan. Financial resolutions are almost guaranteed to fail if you don't set up a budget. Have accountability. Don't go it alone. Here's a new way to approach your new year's resolutions. First, pray. Ask God to show you his will for you. As with any goals, your financial resolutions need to be SMART.

*Specific – The more detailed and clear your plans are, the easier they'll be to follow. That's where a spending plan comes in.

*Measurable. Your detailed budget will allow you to keep track of where your money's going.

*Achievable. Don't expect to pay off all your debt at once or build up your emergency fund in just a couple of months. Be patient with the process.

*Realistic. It's okay to dream, but your spending plan needs to reflect your real income and your real expenses.

*Timely. If you're saving for something, or paying down debt, give yourself a reasonable timeline, and stick to it. Set up your spending plan and track it weekly...or even daily... so you always know where you stand.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY (28:30)

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

Disciplining Your Kids With Grace Monday, October 2, 2023

Karis Kimmel Murray reminds parents that we need to stay calm in the midst of misbehavior, look for the reason behind the behavior and gives a “sushi menu” of discipline tactics, including tagging bad behavior, putting things in a “basket,” and teaching the behavior you want to see. She ends with insights into children’s “currency” and age-appropriate consequences.

Empowering Women to Take Control of Their Finances Monday, October 9, 2023

Deborah Smith Pegues equips women to manage finances wisely in a discussion based on her book *The One-Minute Money Mentor for Women: 21 Strategies for Financial Empowerment*.

Men and Miscarriage: Coping With Loss Friday, October 13, 2023

Dave Deets shares about the four miscarriages he experienced with his wife. Recognizing the lack of resources for men dealing with miscarriages, he wrote *When Men Have Miscarriages* to help families through these difficult times. In this interview, he talks about how men like himself and those he has walked alongside often feel disconnected from the pregnancy their wives are experiencing and have trouble expressing their own grief about miscarriage.

Navigating the Middle School Years Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Cynthia Tobias and Sue Acuña address why the middle school season of parenting is challenging and how parents can adapt to the changes in an effective way. Emphasis is made of the importance of keeping communication open through listening, observing and understanding.

Helping Those Suffering From Mental Illness Monday, October 23, 2023

Dr. Matthew Stanford offers a compassionate look at mental illness, which affects one in five teens and adults in the United States. He discusses the need for overcoming the stigma of reaching out for help and encourages the church community to offer hope and healing for families with loved ones suffering with mental health issues.

Modeling Generosity for Your Children

Friday, October 27, 2023

“Generosity” isn’t just about money. In this upbeat talk, Brad Formsma explains how to have a giving mindset, and shares the importance of modeling generosity to your children. It goes beyond money: you can be generous with your thoughts, your words, your time, your influence, your attention, and your stuff. Brad encourages doing “generosity projects” with your kids so that they can experience the blessings of selflessness. We’ll also hear from his son Drew on how parents can impart this message to their children in an engaging way.

How to Talk With Your Teen Without Losing Your Mind (2 Part)

Monday & Tuesday, October 30 & 31, 2023

Parents often struggle to communicate effectively during the teen years. Dr. Ken Wilgus encourages moms and dads to relax a little bit, back off from micromanaging, and start treating their teen more like a budding adult. This includes showing them more respect and communicating to them the same way you would another adult.

Encouragement for the Single Life

Monday, November 6, 2023

Cheryl Martin encourages singles to view their singleness not as a mistake or a holding pattern until marriage, but as an opportunity to become the person God wants them to be. She also shares how to honor God in the dating process through the use of firm boundaries and an accountability partner.

American Heroes: Serving on the Front Line

Friday, November 10, 2023

Chad Robichaux is an American hero, and he works to support American heroes worldwide. Save Our Allies, a coalition he created, was born out of his commitment to save his interpreter from the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan. The team he assembled felt called to rescue thousands more, saving Americans, allies, and those who were vulnerable.

Instilling Character Into the Heart of Your Children (2 Part)

Monday & Tuesday, November 20 & 21, 2023

Dr. Kathy Koch examines the importance of character in your child’s life and ways you can nurture and develop it. She’ll reveal your child’s core needs and some solid strategies for teaching character.

Healthy Ways to Interact With Extended Family
Wednesday, November 22, 2023

Dr. Mike Bechtle helps you learn to navigate difficult conversations and stressful conditions with friends and family so you can enjoy those get-togethers and special times. You'll learn some practical ways to cope and get along better within appropriate boundaries.

Getting a Handle on Your Screen Time
Friday, November 24, 2023

With forty years in the TV business and from personal experience, David Murrow understands the negative effects from overuse of screens. He discusses positive and negative uses of various media and offers great practical advice for you as a parent as you guide your children and manage screens in your home.

Best of 2023: Guiding Your Daughter Into Womanhood
Friday, December 1, 2023

In this best of 2023 broadcast, 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.

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

Thursday, October 5th, 2023
Second Opinion

No matter how good the first story sounds, there are always two sides.
Get a second opinion.

When raising our kids keep in mind that we are competing with our culture which is vying to shape and procure not only our kids' values and worldview, but their allegiance also.

This is why traditional families must get better acquainted with scripture and better prepared to swim against the cultural tide.

Friday, October 6th, 2023

Trust Me

Do you trust your kids? Sometimes you shouldn't!

How do you know when to trust and when not to?

Our kids take due notice of how fairly we conduct ourselves with others. One sure way to earn our kids' trust is to hear all sides of a story before coming to a judgment.

Tuesday, October 10th, 2023

Tipping Point

When is it appropriate to put your teen into a treatment program?

Your first consideration? Don't rush it.

It may surprise you to learn that I usually encourage parents of troubled teens to do their best to avoid putting their child in a residential treatment program. The reason? Money. I have seen so many desperate people pull from their home equity loans and tap into college, retirement, and trust funds just to make residential care possible for their child.

For many parents, there comes a tipping point when things get so crazy that family counsel, pastoral counsel, professional therapy, and medication can all seem useless. That is when therapeutic residential care may be the only option a parent can make. Like heart surgery- nobody wants to go through it, but once successfully completed they're happy they did.

Wednesday, October 11th, 2023

Many Friends

Your child may have many friends on social media, but are they quality friends?

How many friends does your child actually have? Discussing with our children the definition of healthy friendships is wise as social media has helped skew its true meaning. Friendships should not be viewed as a quantity thing, but a quality thing!

To help them make wise choices, let us consider working with our kids more to establish a vetting process. This may also mean collaborating with them to determine wise limits on their number of friends.

Thursday, October 12th, 2023

Prudent Protection

Consequences can sometimes be the best teachers. But protecting from consequences can also be good.

How do you know the difference?

Today we hear a lot about not being overprotective parents. That natural consequences are the best teachers. Generally, I agree. However, there are times when we can't be protective enough! Like a drunk, a teenager's executive brain function isn't optimal. It is still years away from being fully developed. I am all about natural consequences and there are a myriad of lessons to be learned that way. But funerals, wheelchairs, or unwanted pregnancies are too great a risk when an ounce of prevention can be worth a pound of cure.

Friday, October 13th, 2023

Past Guilt

Just because you did something as a child, is it okay for your kids to do it too?

Consider this perspective.

Many of us have allowed our kids to have things, listen to things, see things, do things, and go places just because we did similar things in our youth.

Consider these two points. First, it is a much different day, and in more ways than I have time to explain right now. Second, our parents could have kept better tabs on us. Some of the struggles, strongholds, hangups, and addictions that we have acquired over the years could be the result of forbidden fruit coming back full circle to bite us.

Wednesday, October 18th, 2023

Detest

When your kids do what's right often they're rejected.

As Christian parents, we should be teaching our kids about moral right and wrong from an early age. We should also be teaching them to be okay with being detested for actually doing what's right or having a moral standard at all. It will give them grit.

When our kids are taught, and we regularly live out, a good example that being righteous and upright can sometimes provoke persecution, even being detested by wicked people, our kids will be less likely to cower to their wicked ways because of the example and grit you instill in them at a young age.

Friday, October 20th, 2023

Biology

The number of kids that call themselves transgender has exploded. Is it real or not?

I truly hurt with those who genuinely struggle with gender dysphoria. But if there was ever evidence for the power of suggestion, the trans community has knocked it out of the park using our culture to fuel their agenda.

Today's kids have ample opportunity to get such attention by claiming to be struggling with gender dysphoria. Whether they really are or not. And when these claims are made by our kids, who are we to accurately assess what's going on inside them? But what we can accurately assess is what's going on outside them. It's called Biology 101.

Tuesday, October 24th, 2023

Firm

Going forward, resolve to be firm with your children. Not mean. I have noticed that many parents who are told to be more firm with their kids have blurred the lines between being firm and unmoving and being mean and abrasive.

You can and should be firm when enforcing boundaries without raising your voice. Instead of rough talk or yelling try calmly stating your expectations, and the consequences (if they apply). Then go on about your business always ready to enforce your position.

Wednesday, October 25th, 2023

Looking Back

What are the two main things we need to provide to parent our children well?

Supervision and accountability.

Just think about all the things our kids are tempted with today. Things that we didn't have to deal with. How would we have handled all of it without adequate supervision and accountability? Supervision and accountability are the two things we will need to shore up to be effective parents in today's world.

Friday, October 27th, 2023

Growing Men

If you've got boys you're not just raising men, you're growing them.

What does that mean?

As you raise up your little boys do you think of them as men in training?

With the crisis of manhood in America today training our boys to serve others, always do their best, fulfill commitments, finish what they start, and always walk humbly before the Lord will be a great start in their journey toward manhood.

Wednesday, November 1st, 2023
No Kidding

Fewer people are having children.

Is it because of misplaced perception?

It is no secret that folks aren't having kids like they used to. As I observe and talk with people I believe a big reason for this is because they see that once a child is able to talk the new cultural norm is that the child, and not the parents, get to rule roost. But that is the fault of the parents who have bought into the faulty ideology of the mental health industrial complex. A colossal mistake that has replaced the simplicity and joy of a biblical worldview when it comes to raising kids.

Thursday, November 2nd, 2023
Rewire

Using technology to protect you from technology. How does this work?

Because today's technology is growing at the speed of light, wise and godly parents must approach the parenting paradigm radically differently. An approach that is not only different from the past but different compared to most other families right here in the present. Technology is here to stay. Thus we must set firm limits and monitor its use. But we will also likely need technology to save our families from technology. Through filtering and other monitoring devices.

Without these restrictions, our kids' chances of acquiring a biblical worldview, and our worldview, diminish drastically. Their brains are getting wired for instant gratification, entitlement, and a lack of focus that makes school work difficult and prayer and bible study nearly impossible.

Friday, November 3rd, 2023
Rod Option

When adopting a child who has been abused should spanking be an option?

Many parents of adopted children have opted to never spank their children at any time for any reason. I understand their reasoning. Particularly when their kids have come out of abusive

homes. But even with these kids, when love, affection, emotional attachment, and deep relationships are being developed- in the right conditions and administered properly a spanking can still be an effective option.

Kids from abusive backgrounds have calloused themselves emotionally from pain. So it takes a warm and nurturing relationship to soften those callouses. When kids know we have spanking as an option and choose not to use it, it builds in them an appreciation and trust in us. But they need to know that it is an option. Whether we ever use it or not.

Wednesday, November 8th, 2023

Mundane Glut

What is gluttony? Too much food, drink, or even too much digital entertainment.

Concerning today's digital deluge, sadly most parents are yet to realize what an overly stimulated brain can do to their child's mind and emotions. Or their own for that matter. In the same way, we have accepted and consumed a lot of nondigital things that aren't good for us also. Like too much sugar, caffeine, alcohol, or food in general.

In fact, too many of us have morphed into an entire lifestyle of overabundance. Even gluttony! And it is not healthy. Still, for some reason, we do not think of our overabundance of digital entertainment choices as gluttony, but this too is not healthy. Healthy living is about balance and this includes how and what we consume digitally.

Thursday, November 9th, 2023

Fight Back

There are so many false causes that people fight for. We need to teach our children to fight for a true cause.

Since young people have always been eager to fight for what they believe to be valid causes, it is time to educate, validate, and work with our kids for a truly valid cause.

Friday, November 10th, 2023

Drop Out

If your teen wants to drop out then make some drastic changes. Let them experience when life gets tough.

What do you do when your teenager wants to drop out of school? Unless there is a valid reason for this otherwise insane proposition, it is time for tough love. Home life must drastically change and become devoid of all of the creature comforts. Without t.v. central air, a car, video games, and a stocked refrigerator the pleasures of life become greatly diminished.

Hiding your car keys and locking your refrigerator along with all digital devices would be a good start. Demand he get a job and pay rent to live at home and if he doesn't, depending on your state law, change your locks. This sounds harsh to those in our short-sighted and pampered world, but it's not as harsh as a lifetime of food stamps and state dependency.

Tuesday, November 14th, 2023

Reality Checkers

Video games seem addicting because they are. What games can we play instead?

What many of us have yet to realize is that so many of the video games our kids are playing every day are purposefully programmed to illicit addictive appetites for those same games. This is one reason why we might consider resurrecting games like chess, checkers, or Monopoly in our homes. And don't forget all of the Bible-related games like Bible Balderdash or Bible Trivia as alternatives. These games can actually enhance the brain's capacity for constructive thinking.

Why not develop brain cells while having fun? And also while spending quality and quantity time with our kids.

Thursday, November 16th, 2023

Hardy Tongue

Change your child's heart by changing the words they use. Why does this matter?

Have you noticed a link between the heart and the tongue? By training our kids to speak politely and with manners we can affect their hearts as well as their minds. While our society becomes more coarse with each passing day, there is still (and always will be) a respect and demand for those whose hearts are pure and whose speech is gracious.

Friday, November 17th, 2023

Real Responsibility

Train your kids to be successful by giving them chores. What are the benefits?

Are we raising teens to deal with real responsibility once they leave home? When we do things for our teens that they should have been doing for themselves from early childhood like cleaning their rooms, taking out the trash, and washing dishes, we cheat them out of feeling needed. Yet our teens can and often want to do much more than these simple tasks. For example, why not give them a shot at planning all the meals for the coming week? Shopping for the food and even preparing the meals too? You might be surprised how they may relish the challenge and use the car too. Set a budget and challenge them to prepare everything within it. As an incentive offer rewards for meals on time and for staying under budget.

Wednesday, November 22nd, 2023

Rod of Discipline

Spanking should always be an option.

The most effective spanking is the one that isn't given, but to say spanking isn't a parental option, is ridiculous. When people quote statistics that say spanking is harmful to kids' psyche, keep in mind that they can be biased. Statistics (like spanking) can be abused and abusive.

Spanking shouldn't be our first and only disciplinary option, but when administered in the way that God ordained it to be, it is an effective tool against foolishness and rebellion.

Wednesday, November 29th, 2023

Lessons at the Library

In order to protect your kids from pornography, you must be aware of unlikely sources they can access it – like the library.

It's no secret that pornography is extremely damaging to the psychological and spiritual well being of kids. Because of this, you'd think that public libraries would be places of refuge from such insidious attacks on today's youth.

The truth, however, is that public libraries can be dens for some of the seediest in society to satiate their sexual perversion via the free and unfiltered internet. Unfortunately, these library patrons typically don't care who is looking over their shoulder. Even in the public library it seems that parents must be on guard.

Thursday, November 30th, 2023

Brain Tune

iPads equal higher IQs, right?

If you think you're raising your child's IQ by giving them an iPad, you are sadly mistaken. Studies show the exact opposite to be true. Depending on the boundaries given to teenagers, the same can be true for them as well.

A better, and proven, way to raise the IQ of any person is to teach them to play a musical instrument. Even if a child decides after a year or two that playing an instrument isn't for them, you at least know you've helped raise their IQ for something else they may be interested in.

Friday, December 1st, 2023

Party School

Think again before fully funding your child's college.

Hard-working American parents seem to have blindly accepted certain higher educational practices and traditions. Yet with so many community colleges and online options, we should seriously rethink unconditionally funding our kid's four year 'party' degree. Especially when the college is far away, and accountability is practically nothing.

Requiring that our kids work, to at least get them through the first two years of community college, might be a better option for all parties involved. Kids will have less time for shenanigans, and you'll have more peace of mind knowing he or she could graduate magna cum laude than partying the night away.

Tuesday, December 12th, 2023

Power Off

If only today's kids would want to get off their cell phones.

According to Trace Embry, it's starting to happen.

There's something that's beginning to trend in America. For a change, it's actually good news for parents! It's even greater for kids. With all the poison that kids are exposed to today, it seems that though many are addicted to the poison, we're starting to see that kids aren't wanting to be addicted anymore. That's a good thing!

The poison in question? Unencumbered access to smartphones. There's a grassroots movement among kids that are wanting to become unplugged. It's actually becoming cool. Kids are seeing this as the ultimate act of independence and control.

Thursday, December 14th, 2023

Pawns

The forces in culture are changing the way our kids think.

Ever wonder why your child's values and worldview are so different from your own? According to a Harvard psychology PhD, Robert Epstein, Google is using ephemeral methods to manipulate us in ways that's almost impossible to detect. I didn't need a PhD in anything to figure that one out.

Epstein also warns that not only is Google brainwashing our kids, it's also controlling public policy, and swinging elections. In a very sinister way, people are being used as pawns of a global oligarchy. Do we really want our kids to have constant exposure to that?

Just more reasons our kids should not have unfettered access to their own smartphones.

Friday, December 15th, 2023

YouTube Star

Just because there are some Youtubers who have been successful, doesn't mean that your kids will be too.

The internet has given virtually every kid in America the disillusion that they can be an online celebrity. For what? Showing the world their dinner at Olive Garden? Parents: let's not let our kids believe there's a future in getting the whole world to make them millionaires simply for having a heartbeat. Let's help our kids understand that success requires some sort of useful skill or talent. Something that genuinely helps other human beings and/or advances the human race as a whole. Don't be like those delusional parents on American Idol – mad that the world voted off their darling child's obvious talent off the show. It's a classic case of cognitive dissonance.

Wednesday, December 20th, 2023

Brain Tuning

Build your child's brain. Have them learn an instrument!

Even though scholars agree that bad music can be harmful for the psyche of a child, learning to play good music on an instrument offers a child incredible benefits to his brain. Especially the parts of the brain that control executive functioning – self control and decision making, for example.

In addition to being a stress reliever, learning an instrument increases one's ability to process auditory information, memory recall, and verbal acuity. This is not only true for young people, but for older as well.

Thursday, December 21st, 2023

Intimacy

Understanding intimacy affects who we allow near to us, and puts all our other relationships into perspective

When we think of intimacy, we often think of sex, but that is only one aspect of intimacy. Our thought life, our dreams and aspirations, and certain parts of our body, which can include our sexuality, are all intimate and personal.

Intimacy also includes our friendships, and who we allow near to us. Social media has skewed what friendship is really all about. Our kids need to know the significance of true intimacy. Because this generation has toyed with personal intimacy, it's brought on a lot of unnecessary

stress and heartache. If our kids better understood and respected true intimacy, sex and social media would become less threatening issues for all of us.

Friday, December 22nd, 2023

Dealer

Allowing and enabling our kids and their video game habit is – according to Trace Embry – like pushing drugs.

Many parents don't realize that video games can be every bit as addicting as the most powerful drug on the market. By addiction, I'm talking about chemical addiction. Many video game programmers know exactly what they're doing when they design the games. Not unlike cigarette manufacturers, they want repeat customers. When one parent discovered the true addictive nature of the video games that landed her son in a treatment program, she made a chilling statement upon realizing her role in her son's addiction. She said, "I was his dealer."

Moderation is the key to virtually everything in life. As parents, we need to be our kid's governors, and not their dealers.

Tuesday, December 26th, 2023

Slow Road

What happens when we let evil slip in slowly?

Remember when tolerance was the big deal? Christian leaders warned us that if we tolerated evil that the next step would be acceptance. After acceptance, we must embrace, and after embracing, we would celebrate. At that point, we've been had. Remember the rainbow-lighted White House? We now celebrate things we should have never tolerated to begin with – creating a world for our kids that now makes good into evil, and evil into good. It was a slow, but swift seduction.

Please sit down with your kids to remind them that these same purveyors of tolerance from a generation ago are now celebrating our captivity to a 'brave new world.' All while not tolerating us thinking anything otherwise.

Wednesday, December 27th, 2023

Semantics

Words have meaning, but what happens when terms are misapplied?

Redefining terms, and building arguments based on false premises is routine today. You need to make your kids aware of this by having regular talks with them about it. For example, racism – like mental illness – exists, and it always will. If you buy into the lie that you're a racist because

you believe all lives matter, or that America is still systemically racist, then whatever your skin color is, you've been chumped.

Our kids have bought into a lot of this stuff, and it's the media, social media, and our public schools promoting it. With your kids, Google a guy name Chris Rufo, and get the rest of the story. Remember, the devil is the father of lies, and the master of semantics.

Thursday, December 28th, 2023 **Shore Up**

Right-living in a culture of subjective truth leads to anarchy.

Trace Embry shares the importance of rebuilding moral foundations next. Do your kids know what righteousness is? It's not a word we hear much anymore – even in church. Righteousness is morally-right living. But to talk about right-living, a foundation of moral right and where it comes from, must come first. Without these two things, anyone can claim to be right – especially in today's society.

Of course, the end result of everyone having their own moral standard is chaos. That's America today. Show your kids how America's moral foundations are being destroyed, then challenge them with scripture about ways they can shore them up.

Friday, December 29th, 2023 **Vile Strut**

Pride-filled crime in our streets, with no repercussion. What does that teach our kids?

The vile crimes committed in our streets these days is telling our kids that maybe crime does pay. It's hard to explain to our kids that vile behavior leads to consequences when there seem to be no consequences for it. Especially from our woke government.

This doesn't dismiss our responsibility as Christian parents to exercise appropriate discipline in our homes when evil takes place. Our culture can no longer be our guide for love and discipline. Today, love is indistinguishable from lust, and discipline is considered abuse. The Bible must be our dictionary and standard.

License to Parent Weekend (28:30) Program dated Monday date

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

Monday, October 2nd, 2023 **Airs Saturday, October 7, 2023 and Sunday, October 8, 2023** **Sound Minds**

How to raise kids with sound minds and whole hearts who stand firm in their God-given identities.

Discussing Parenting with Lauren Gaines

Episode Highlights:

What phrase has led to our cultural decline? What is the best gift we can give our kids? What does overload do to our kids? What vital skill do young children not have? Where does the problem start?

Monday, October 16th, 2023

Airs Saturday, October 21, 2023 and Sunday, October 22, 2023

Intentional Parenting

How can you be intentional with your time as we prepare our children for what lies ahead? As parents you know you have 18 years to guide, direct, discipline, coach, and train your child “in the way he should go.” Those 18 years set them on a path for success in the world and hopefully eternity.

Discussing Intentionality with Dave Glander

Episode Highlights:

What do our kids need to see in us all the time? What is the average time a parent spends face-to-face with their child?

Monday, October 30th, 2023

Airs Saturday, November 4, 2023 and Sunday, November 5, 2023

Entertainment Roles

What role does entertainment play in shaping our culture, our homes, and our churches?

Today we will be talking with Focus on the Family’s Adam Holz about the role entertainment might play not only in shaping our culture but in our homes and churches as well.

Discussing Entertainment with Adam Holz

Episode Highlights:

How do Shepherd’s Hill Academy students come to understand the emptiness of the world’s promises? What is Plugged In? What specifically is Plugged In trying to provide? What is the site’s hope?

Monday, November 6th, 2023

Airs Saturday, November 11, 2023 and Sunday, November 12, 2023

Raising Conservative Kids

How can you preserve your right to be the final authority over your own children?

Today we will be talking with Stacy Manning, co-author of “Raising Conservative Kids in a Woke City”. This book will help you preserve your right to be the final authority over your own children.

Discussing Woke Culture with Stacy Manning

Episode Highlights:

When did the slippery slope start? What does it mean to be “woke”? What does Trace say about systemic racism? What tool do the “woke” use to dismantle society? What two questions do conservative kids need to be able to answer so they can defend their worldview?

Monday, November 20th, 2023

Airs Saturday, November 25, 2023 and Sunday, November 26, 2023

Raising the Unshakable

What does it mean to raise ‘unshakable’ kids?

When raising kids, it’s important that parents raise them to be unshakeable. But what exactly does that mean? Today, we are continuing our discussion with author Lauren Gaines about instilling an unshakable spirit into our kids and teens, and what that looks like.

Discussing Resilience with Lauren Gaines.

Episode Highlights:

Is there a void of ‘grit’ in today’s kids? Why is it important to not be too gentle when raising kids in today’s society? How can parents create a loving bond without constantly pacifying their kids? Can discipline be an act of love? Are parents prioritizing the right things? Is society pressuring women to do too much?

Monday, November 27th, 2023

Airs Saturday, December 2, 2023 and Sunday, December 3, 2023

Five Lies

Have you ever wondered why today’s kids and teens think, act, and feel the way they do?

Perhaps we need to look to our society for answers.

Discussing Our Society with Rosaria Butterfield

Episode Highlights:

Why can society be considered another parent to our kids? When and why did American society begin turning away from a biblical worldview? What is the definition of culture? How does unfettered access to social media and digital outlets affect our kids? What are the five lies that our society promotes?

PARENTING TODAY'S TEENS DAILY (1:00)

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

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Title: Expressing Love

Description: The most powerful influence of change in your teen's life is your love!

Airdate: October 3 – Tuesday

Title: Avoid Shaming

Description: The effects of love vs. shame when it comes to discipline.

Airdate: October 4 – Wednesday

Title: Quality Conversation

Description: Are you setting aside regular time for quality conversation with your teen?

Airdate: October 5 – Thursday

Title: The Need for Love

Description: When kids need love the most.

Airdate: October 6 – Friday

Title: Being the Calming Agent

Description: How to be the safe harbor for your teen during the storms of life.

Airdate: October 9 – Monday

Title: One-Word Answers

Description: Get past mono-syllabic answers and start having real conversations!

Airdate: October 10 – Tuesday

Title: Aiming for Adulthood

Description: A sure-fire way to make sure your teen never grows up!

Airdate: October 11 – Wednesday

Title: Good Intentions

Description: When advice given to teenagers gets muffled and misconstrued.

Airdate: October 12 – Thursday

Title: The Value of Understanding

Description: Try walking a mile in your teen's sweaty sneakers!

Airdate: October 13 – Friday

Title: Quit the Repetition

Description: Do you feel like you're constantly repeating yourself? It's time to try something new.

Airdate: October 16 – Monday

Title: Practical Help

Description: Discover what you can do right now to connect with your teen.

Airdate: October 18 – Wednesday

Title: Vandalism and Forgiveness

Description: A story of transforming grace in the life of a wayward teenager.

Airdate: October 19 – Thursday

Title: So Many Choices

Description: Where is your teen going for answers?

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Title: Shifting Styles in an Information Age

Description: We can't fight the influence of technology—but we can use it for our advantage.

Airdate: October 23 – Monday

Title: Listening with Your Eyes

Description: Follow the conversation with your ears and your eyes!

Airdate: October 24 – Tuesday

Title: Staying Honest in the Difficult Years

Description: The key to protecting your teen from a poor decision could be your own story.

Airdate: October 26 – Thursday

Title: A Wedge Between Husband and Wife

Description: Tips for keeping your marriage strong in the midst of raising kids.

Airdate: October 27 – Friday

Title: Seek Guidance

Description: When things get overwhelming, don't run from others—run to them!

Airdate: October 30 – Monday

Title: A Gentle Answer

Description: When the fires of conflict rage, a tender word can douse the flames!

Airdate: October 31 – Tuesday

Title: One Rebellious Kid

Description: Loving teens when they least deserve it.

Airdate: November 2 – Thursday

Title: National Adoption Month

Description: Even if you're not looking to adopt, you can still celebrate National Adoption Month!

Airdate: November 3 – Friday

Title: Limits and Boundaries

Description: The value of fences in the life of a teenager.

Airdate: November 6 – Monday

Title: Drastic Change

Description: Have you noticed sudden changes in your child's personality?

Airdate: November 7 – Tuesday

Title: Considering Others More Important

Description: Before you make a parenting decision, stop, and think about your motives.

Airdate: November 8 – Wednesday

Title: Walking Out the Door

Description: Is your child still dependent on you? Or has he developed the skills to live independently?

Airdate: November 9 – Thursday

Title: Requiring Perfection

Description: How to avoid the pitfalls of "performance-based" parenting.

Airdate: November 10 – Friday

Title: Don't Fear Mistakes

Description: Teenagers need space to make mistakes!

Airdate: November 13 – Monday

Title: Before Tensions Rise

Description: When it comes to teenage conflict, it's best to be prepared!

Airdate: November 14 – Tuesday

Title: Healthy Relationships

Description: The keys to building a lasting bond with your teen.

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Title: Under-Aged Drinking

Description: Teens and alcohol are a dangerous combination.

Airdate: November 16 – Thursday

Title: Culture Says It's Okay

Description: In a seductive world that offers many temptations, teens need to understand the boundaries.

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Title: Holiday Preparations

Description: Planning a successful Thanksgiving goes beyond laying out the turkey and trimmings.

Airdate: November 20 – Monday

Title: Fear of Rejection

Description: Understanding the biggest fear in your child's life—and how to deal with it.

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Title: Do's and Don'ts

Description: How to build a solid relationship with your teen.

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Title: Television Manliness

Description: The tough guys on TV aren't supposed to be the models of manliness—but dads can be!

Airdate: November 23 – Thursday

Title: Gratitude Year Round

Description: Guiding your family to thankfulness throughout the year.

Airdate: November 24 – Friday

Title: Plan for Dating

Description: What's your game plan for when the boys come knocking on the door, asking to date your daughter?

Airdate: November 27 – Monday

Title: Goal-Oriented Behavior

Description: Analyze a teen's behavior to find the reasons behind the actions.

Airdate: November 29 – Wednesday

Title: Oozing Disappointment

Description: Is frustration with your teen written on your face for everybody to see?

Airdate: November 30 – Thursday

Title: Change Is Hard

Description: Turn conflict into lasting and healthy change for your family!

Airdate: December 1 – Friday

Title: Entitlement Issues

Description: When teens start to see mom and dad's generosity as the expectation rather than the exception.

Airdate: December 4 – Monday

Title: Unique Teens

Description: No two teens are exactly alike.

Airdate: December 5 – Tuesday

Title: Remember the Goal

Description: Don't forget the long-term purpose of parenting.

Airdate: December 6 – Wednesday

Title: Staying Engaged

Description: When the going gets tough, the tough stay connected.

Airdate: December 11 – Monday

Title: Recipe for a Happy Family

Description: Find the ingredients you need for a happy and healthy family.

Airdate: December 12 – Tuesday

Title: Sunday Morning

Description: What should parents do when their teen refuses to go to church?

Airdate: December 13 – Wednesday

Title: Stop Controlling and Start Trusting

Description: If your teen is bucking the system, it might be time to loosen the reins.

Airdate: December 14 – Thursday

Title: Be the Parent They Need

Description: More than nicer clothes, bigger allowance, or better friends, your teen needs you!

Airdate: December 15 – Friday

Title: Peer-ent Versus Parent

Description: Why kids need you to be a parent more than they need you to be a friend.

Airdate: December 18 – Monday

Title: Listen Regardless

Description: Teenage girls specialize in talking, so parents need to be experts at listening.

Airdate: December 19 – Tuesday

Title: Princess Drama

Description: Practical tips on staying connected to your drama queen.

Airdate: December 20 – Wednesday

Title: Reacting to Poor Decisions

Description: How will you respond when your teen is caught drinking?

Airdate: December 21 – Thursday

Title: United Front

Description: Every struggling teen needs two parents who are on the same team.

Airdate: December 22 – Friday

Title: Holiday Home Dynamics

Description: Fightin' around the Christmas tree? Here's how to put the "merry" back into your Christmas!

Airdate: December 27 – Wednesday

Title: Christmas Traditions

Description: Helpful tips on making this holiday memorable for you and your family.

Airdate: December 28 – Thursday

Title: Start With Yourself

Description: Resolving family conflict begins with working on ourselves.

Airdate: December 29 – Friday

Title: Looking Ahead

Description: Use the New Year to strategize the future of your family.

PARENTING TODAY'S TEENS WEEKEND (25:00)

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

ANXIETY, SCHOOL AND YOUR TEEN

You may look fondly on "the good ole days" of high school, remembering academic achievements or accolades in athletics. But many teens today are struggling under the immense pressure to perform well at school. Mark Gregston gives parents practical ways to relieve the stress and help teens feel loved and accepted, no matter what!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

MANIPULATIVE TEENS

Lies, tantrums, and emotional appeals are just some of the ways teens try to manipulate mom and dad to get what they want. But it's a recipe for disaster! Mark Gregston helps parents look for signs of dishonesty, create a plan for how to respond well, and maintain appropriate boundaries in order to create a relationship with their teens based on honesty and trust.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

DEALING WITH AN AGGRESSIVE TEEN

Is your teen's temper out of control? As teens get bigger, sometimes their aggression increases too—and it can take them down a dark pathway where they don't want to go. Parents who live in fear of their teen's temper need to help them get back on track. Mark Gregston talks about how to respond to aggressive teens.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

MEETING THE CHANGING NEEDS OF YOUR GRANDCHILDREN

When your grandkids become teens, it's time to shift gears. You need to adjust your style in order to meet the changing needs of your teenaged grandchildren! Mark Gregston coaches grandparents on how to make a few helpful changes and stay connected during the teenaged years.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
WHEN ADOPTION LEADS TO HARD TIMES AT HOME

During the teen years, many adopted kids begin to wonder about their birth parents and wrestle with feelings of rejection. Mark Gregston talks to parents about why adopted teens may struggle and what they can do to help their family during these hard times.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11
WHAT SHOULD PARENTS DO ABOUT A LYING TEEN?

No parent should be surprised by studies revealing that the vast majority of teenagers have lied to their parents. But what do you do if you can't trust anything your teen says anymore? Mark Gregston helps parents identify what's motivating their teen's dishonesty and gives guidance to help parents build a relationship with their teen based on honesty and trust.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18
MAKE LISTENING A HABIT

We all want to "listen" to our teens. But what do you do if your teen says something that goes against your family values or is just plain wrong? How do you listen when you don't agree? Mark Gregston gives parents practical tips for healthy listening habits at home.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25
WHAT'S BEHIND YOUR TEEN'S ISOLATION?

Is your teen avoiding friends or social events? Does he experience anxiety when he's required to be with people? Does he spend the majority of time alone behind a closed door? Mark Gregston cracks open the door to look inside at what's behind your teen's isolation.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
SOCIAL MEDIA AND YOUR TEEN

Your teen lives in a world of social networking. There are good things about this and tough things about it too. This weekend on Parenting Today's Teens, Mark Gregston talks to parents about the benefits and drawbacks of social media and how to come alongside your teen in a social networking world.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
HELPING YOUR LOST TEEN

Lots of teens who might be labeled as “rebellious” by the world are really lost and struggling with anger, abuse, pain, or loneliness. This weekend on Parenting Today’s Teens, Mark Gregston helps parents understand why teens get lost and how to guide your teen back to a healthy life path.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

WHO GETS CONTROL—PARENTS OR TEENS?

You’ve cared for and protected your teen for more than a decade and it’s hard to give up control. What if they make mistakes? What if they aren’t mature enough to handle tough choices? This weekend on Parenting Today’s Teens, Mark Gregston coaches parents about how to know when it’s time to hand over the reins of control.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

GIVING THE GIFT OF A GOOD RELATIONSHIP

We all want to give good things to our children, don’t we? So, this coming year, why not work on giving your teen the gift of a good relationship? This weekend on Parenting Today’s Teens, Mark Gregston helps parents set the stage for a growing relationship and identifies practical ways to invite their teens to join in.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

WHAT WILL YOU WORK ON WITH YOUR TEEN IN THE NEW YEAR?

Do you need a “fresh start” with your teen? Before you resolve to change everything at home, take inventory of what’s working and what’s not. This weekend on Parenting Today’s Teens, Mark Gregston narrows down a handful of changes you can make to improve your relationship with your teen in the new year.

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.

Issue/Event: “Adoption with Dr. Sharen Ford”

Date: Saturday, Nov. 4&5, 2023, 5:30 pm and Sunday, Nov. 11&12, 2023, 6:45 am

Description of Program: “Talk Around Town” (12 min)

Dr. Ford from Focus on the Family relates how to adopt options, qualifications, issues, and rewards.

Issue/Event: “Positive Parenting”

Date: Saturday, December 9&16, 2023, 5:30 pm and Sunday, December 10&17, 2023, 6:45 am

Description of Program: “Talk Around Town” (12 min)

Danny Huerta provides wisdom, and guidelines to improve parenting - utilizing positive techniques and...principles...beginning at home. "Success" can be evaluated quite differently - with Christian perspectives. (repeat)

Issue/Event: “Navigating Trauma and Grief”

Date: Saturday, December 23&24, 2023, 5:30 pm and Sunday, December 31, 2023, 6:45 am

Description of Program: “Talk Around Town” (12 min)

Focus on the Family, Joanie DeBrito, shares how children react to trauma and grief and how to effectively help them. (repeat)