

Which of these statements is true?

- A. Children are a great blessing to a home.
- B. Children bring great stress and pressure to a home.

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Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. —EXODUS 1:8

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...and [the king of Egypt] said, "When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live."
—EXODUS 1:16

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But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive... And a man of the house of Levi went and took as wife a daughter of Levi. So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months. —EXODUS 1:17; 2:1-2

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By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command.

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By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin...

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...esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.
By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

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By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.
By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned.
—HEBREWS 11:23-29

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Exodus 6:20

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I. Faith is the Foundational Principle
in Parenting

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By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command. —HEBREWS 11:23

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Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. —1 TIMOTHY 3:12-13

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II. Awareness is the Developmental Principle in Parenting

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Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. —**PROVERBS 22:6**

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III. Maturity is the Directional Principle in Parenting

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By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter... —**HEBREWS 11:24**

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"Your goal is not to raise good kids but mature adults." —DR. HENRY BRANDT

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IV. Influence is the Intentional Principle in Parenting

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Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

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You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

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You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.
You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.
—DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9

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V. Love is the Motivational Principle
in Parenting

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VI. Yield is the Final Principle
in Parenting

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“when he came of age”


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Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward.
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,
so are the children of one's youth.
—PSALM 127:3-4

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Faith is the Foundational Principle
Awareness is the Developmental Principle
Maturity is the Directional Principle
Influence is the Intentional Principle
Love is the Motivational Principle
Yield is the Final Principle


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"The best example of this is Jesus. In the Garden of Gethsemane, just hours before His crucifixion, Jesus prayed, 'Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me: nevertheless not My will, but Thine, be done.'"


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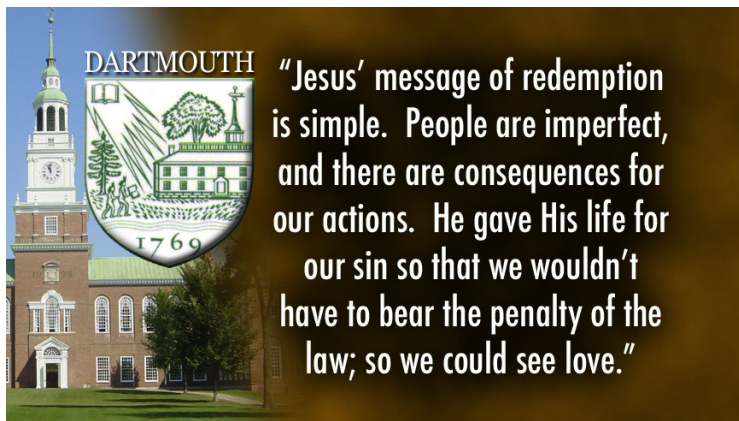
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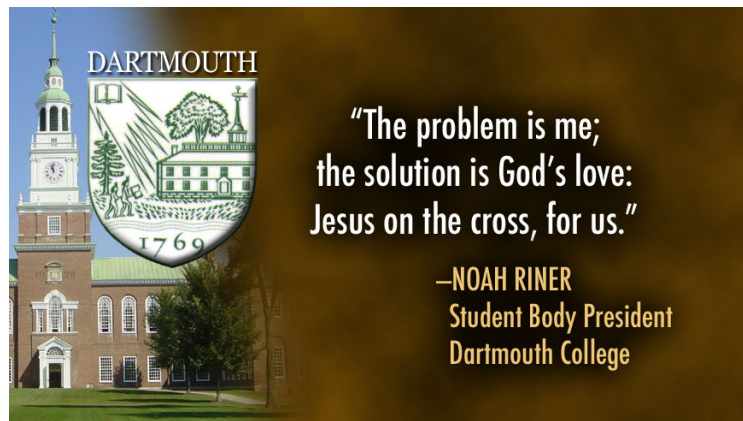
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