



Introduction:

Today's message featured a panel of three couples—the Pummills, Cornells and Wilsons—that shared 3 principles in parenting from their experience as parents who now have adult children.

Questions:

1. What are two or three parenting principles you were raised with? As you consider the advice and wisdom given by each couple, which do you identify with the most and why?
2. What principles are you using or did use to raise your children? Are there parenting techniques you learned that you plan to use or recommend to your adult children as a result of today's panel discussion?
3. Today's scripture was 2 Corinthians 5:18-19. David said the ministry and message of reconciliation is critical to building strong families and can be found in passages that don't directly speak to parenting. What other scripture passages can you apply to this discussion?
4. Teaching independence by providing roots and wings is easier said than done. Do you agree or disagree with the idea? If you agree, how do think it's best implemented in the home?
5. In teaching children independence, are you willing to let your child fail? To what level? How would you handle a failure situation and what would you do to support this lesson for your child?
6. Read 1 Corinthian 12:12-18. How do you think this concept also applies to a family?
7. Discuss how you might distinguish the universal principles in the advice provided by the 3 couples from the application of those principles in a particular family's parenting choices. (For example: all three families emphasized the important of being intentional in building character in their children, yet each approached it in a different way.)
8. David prayed for ALL of the church—married and single—to come along side to build strong families in a culture where the family is crumbling. But a sermon series entitled *Family strong* may easily be misinterpreted to marginalize the singles in our church family. What specific roles can singles play in building strong families? What examples

can you find in scripture where this has occurred?

Conclusion:

As Rick Pummill shared, no parent is perfect. We've all blown it. It is through God's power and by His grace that we remain Family Strong.