

AN EXCELLENT FAMILY
The Ten Reality Rule Principles
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“The Reality Rule is a consistent, decisive, and respectful way for you to manage your personal life, your marriage, and your children with love, respect, and effectiveness.”

Reality Rule Principle #1: The whole is more important than the parts

- The wishes, desires, selfishness, or greed of **one person** in the family can never become more important than the total family itself.

- Husband must become **servants** rather than autonomous providers
1 Pet. 3:7

- Wives must become aware that the total family **begins** with her husband then moves out to the children.

*Caution: Do not sacrifice your marriage on the altar of **parenting**.*

- Children are never to be **in control** of family decisions and resources

Children are by nature **egocentric** (self-serving)

In families, God ideal is for the **grown-ups** to be in charge of faith, of schedules, of finances, of morals, etc.