

Parenting for the Launch

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What I
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at **18**

***Before I got married I had six theories
about bringing up children; now I
have six children and no theories.***

John Wilmot

We all want this...



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**But, sometimes it turns out
like this!**



Proverbs 22:6

*Train up a child
in the way he should go,
Even when he is old
he will not depart from it.*

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Empowered Parenting

Three key areas of preparation:

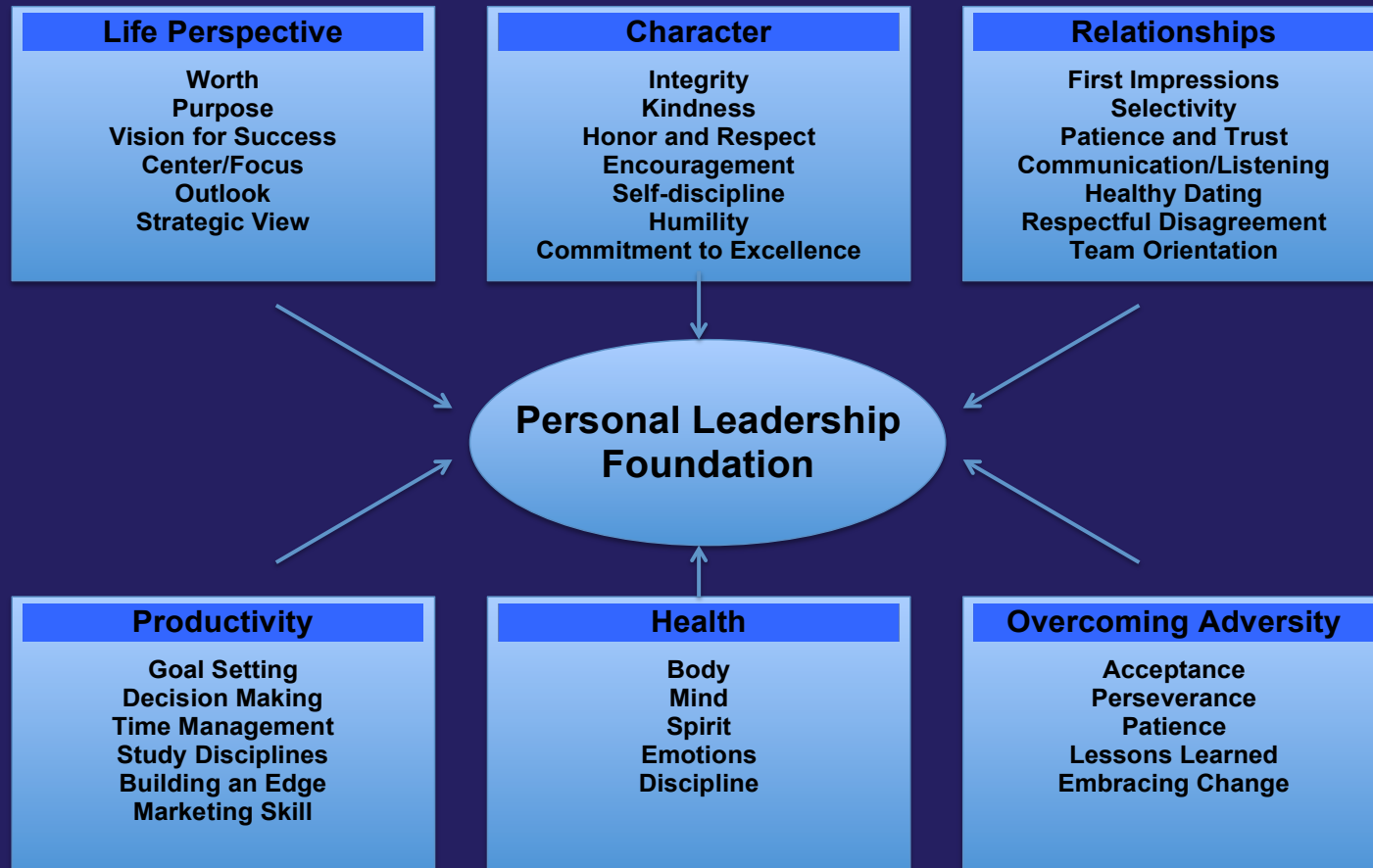
- ***Destination***—vision and outcomes for a successful life; wisdom for key life decisions
- ***Relationship***—strong and enduring based on love, trust, and belief
- ***Transition***—setting up for success in the crucial first six months

Build a Solid Leadership Foundation

Leadership is action, not position.

Donald H. McGannon

Holistic Leadership Development



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Prepare for Success in College

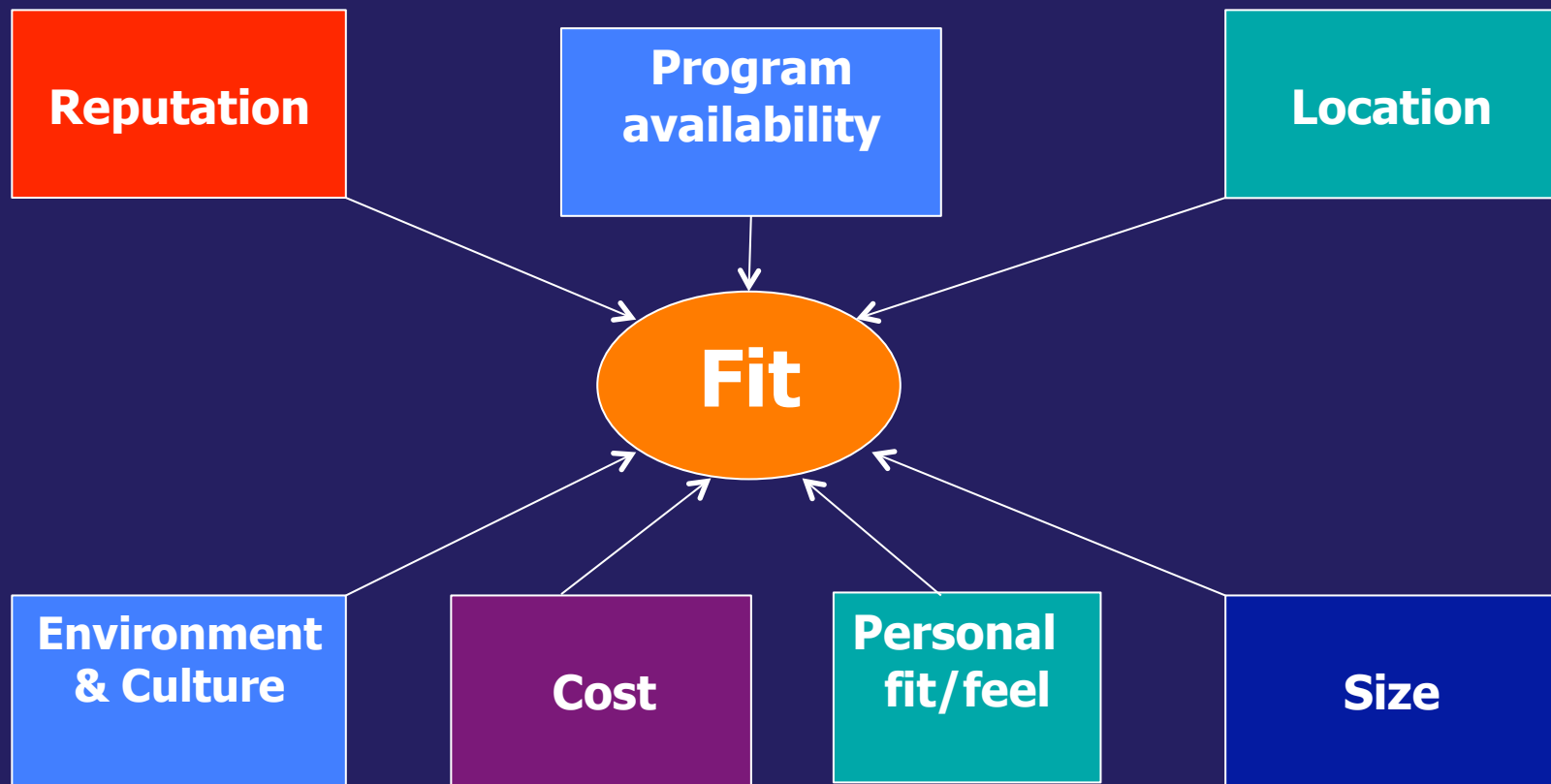


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***If you have a college degree you can
be absolutely sure of one thing...
you have a college degree.***

Author Unknown

College Selection Drivers



College Success Factors

- Self discipline
- Social adaptation and patience
- Effective study methods
- Stress management skills
- Personal/environment fit
- Self confidence/independence

Position Your Teen for a Thriving Career



Career Essentials for Teens

- How to choose a great match
- How to develop a competitive edge
- How to market themselves
- How to be an MVP employee
- Networking, proactivity, and feedback

Qualities of Excellence



Create an Enduring Relationship

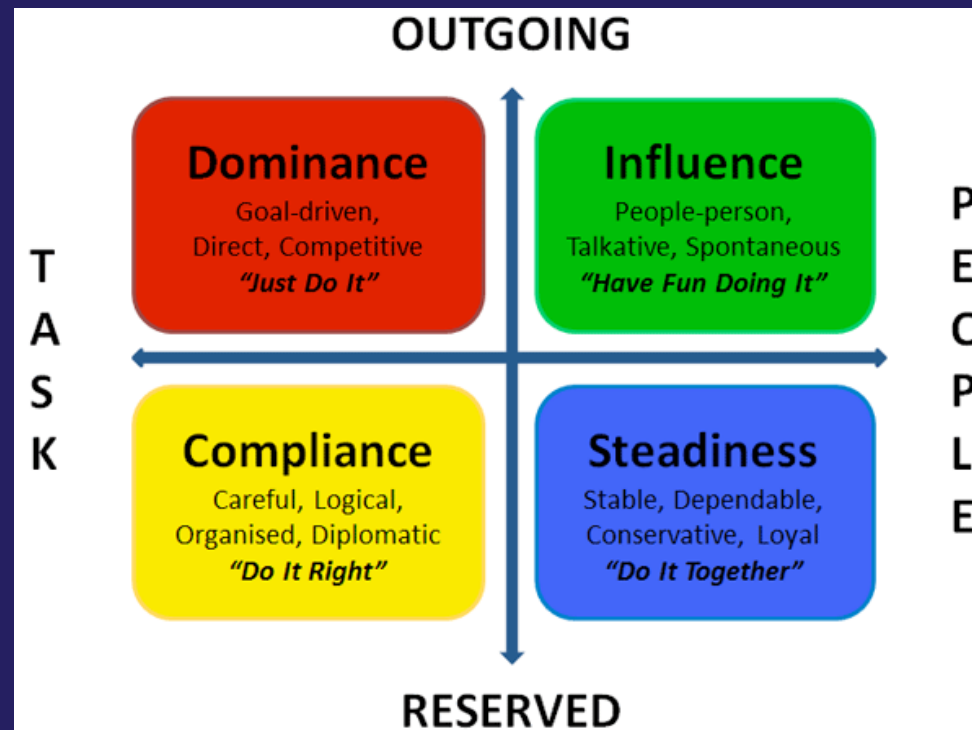


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***Today you are You,
that is truer than true.
There is no one alive
that is Youer than You.***

Dr. Suess

Personality Influences Parenting



Promote Self Discovery and Affirm Their Worth

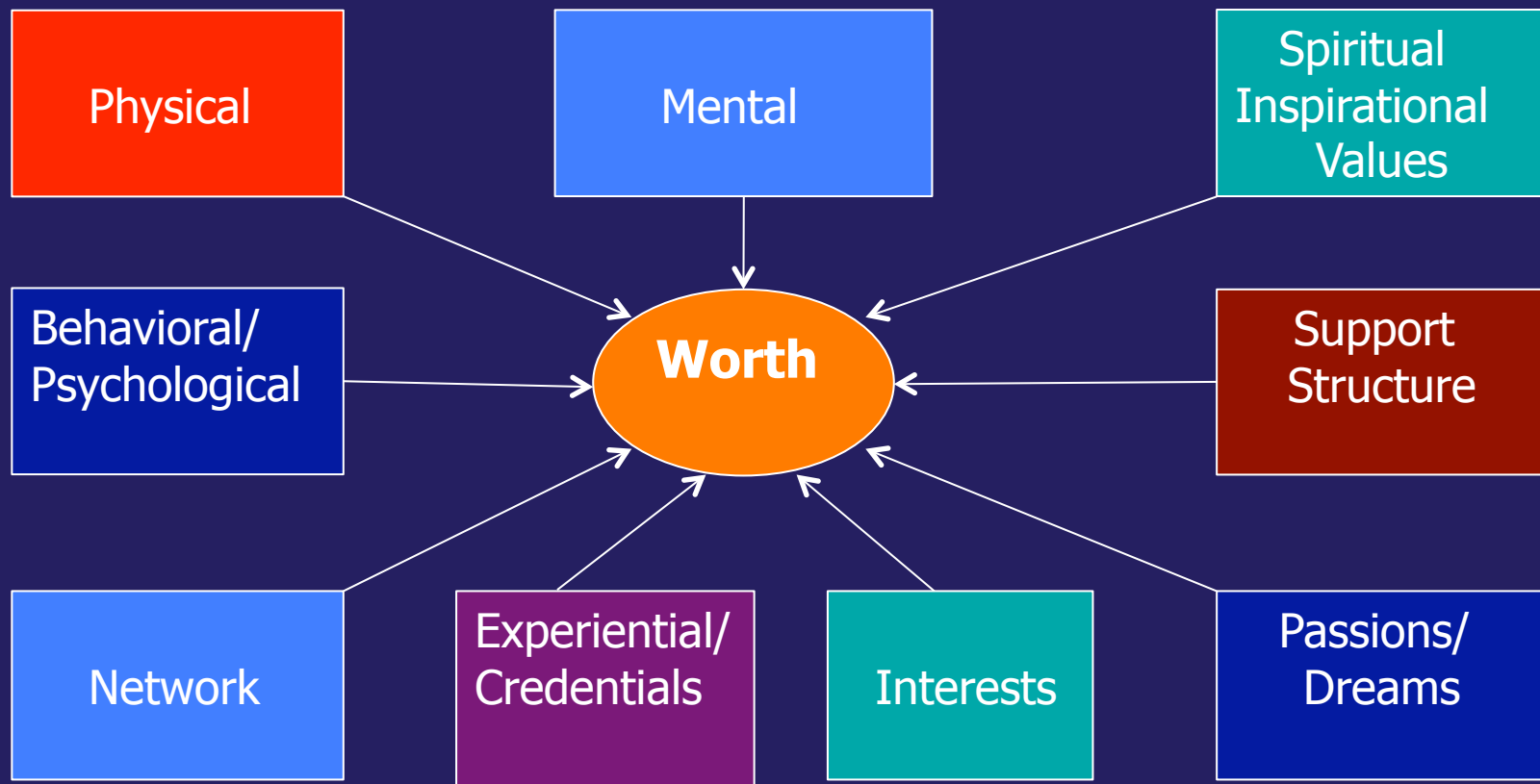


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Psalm 139: 14-18a

Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it... You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand.

Mining the Treasure in Your Teen



Look Familiar?



Colossians 3:21

*... do not be so hard on your children
that they will give up
trying to do what is right.*

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Ephesians 6:4

...do not exasperate your children...

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Communication Strategies

- Meet them where they are
- More “share with;” less “talk to”
- Honor the person more than their performance
- Invite them into your decisions and prayers
- Share in humility to build trust
- Fully engage (be in the moment)

Communication Strategies, cont'd.

- When trust is broken and/or relationship is strained, remember FLPP
- Enlist positive third party voices
- Respect and enter their world
- Provide unconditional love and unshakeable belief in them

Encourage Them in Their Faith



Plan for a Smooth Transition



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***The most important thing that parents
can teach their children is how to
get along without them.***

Frank A. Clark

Time to Move Over!



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What They Need from Us

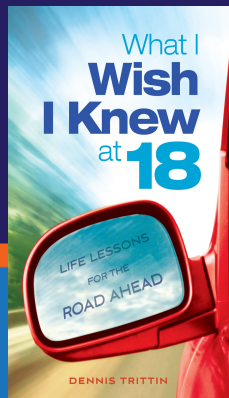
- Unconditional love and belief in them
- Encouragement and understanding
- Wisdom and principles for living
- Our perspectives of their uniqueness and value
- Freedom to let them live their dream
- An open door, 24-7
- Realistic expectations, grace, & a long-term view

Bottom line: “wings, not strings!”

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Versatile Resources for Families

- *What I Wish I Knew at 18: 109 success pointers for teens*
- *Parenting for the Launch: Game plan and strategies to build strong relationships and position teens for life success*



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***The greatest gifts you can give your
children are the roots of
responsibility and the wings of
independence.***

Denis Waitley

**May they soar like eagles...
... to live with impact and
fulfill their dreams!**



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