



Welcome to ParentU with Christopher Perrin

Lesson 4: Retrieving & Renewing Truth, Goodness, and Beauty

Outline:

Truth, Goodness, and Beauty

- These transcendental ideas were thought to be woven into the universe itself that reflected divine reality. This reflected the fact that this Cosmos is created by a good, loving, benevolent God.
- There is brokenness, but the essential truth, goodness, and beauty of the Cosmos is still discernable.

Retrieving and Renewing Classical Education

- Truth
 - To study grammar is to try to recover what is true about the Cosmos and about reality.
 - We tried to recover the trivium arts of grammar, logic, and rhetoric as a means to apprehend that which is true.
 - Grammar
 - Logic
 - Rhetoric
 - Truth exists and can be known.
- Goodness
 - About 20 years in, it was realized that truth itself needs to wed with goodness.
 - Jonathan Edwards said, “When the devil can’t stop something from happening, sometimes he gets behind and pushes it.”
 - G.K. Chesterton said, “Angels can fly because they take themselves lightly. The devil fell from the force of gravity.”
 - G.K. Chesterton said, “A man should take his mission but not himself seriously.”
 - School became too serious and we weren’t communicating goodness.
 - Love must reign over everything.
 - There was an atmosphere of anxiety, stress, and frenzy that students didn’t love.
 - We need to be loving students. We need routines and practices and rhythms that were edifying and loving.
 - Schools became warmer places. Relationships with students and parents were starting to grow into a warm community.
- Beauty
 - In the last 10 years, we considered the following:



- The way we behaved
 - The way we acted
 - The way we moved around school
 - The way we decorated classrooms
 - The way we greeted one another
- We had emulated the aesthetics of the schools that we had known.
 - The architectures and design and décor were all ugly, and not like home.
- We began to realize that beauty is important as well.
- These transcendentals are for all of life.