



## Essentials of Effective Teaching

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### Lesson 1: Foundational Principles

#### Outline:

##### Foundational Principles That Underlie Our Great Practices

- A proper anthropology (view of humankind): created by God, yet fallen
- Knowing our children well: students as whole persons

##### Three Different Models of the Teacher (Three Different Modes of Teaching)

- Teacher as **Dispenser** of Information (teacher-centric; information is king; focus is “what”)
- Teacher as **Facilitator** (teacher an equal participant with students; fuzzy goals)
- Teacher as **Master** with Apprentice (focus outside teacher and student; sometimes lecture, sometimes discussion, sometimes coaching)

##### Students As Human Beings/People

- Students have bodies, so therefore our educational approach must be embodied.
- Students have emotions, so we must notice and cultivate proper affections, overcome negative emotions.
- Students are social so we must notice how relationships affect learning and cultivate and encourage healthy relationships.
- Students have families, so therefore we must cultivate a healthy parent partnership: we don't seek 100% agreement and we also allow parents to question us.

##### Teacher Temptations

- Students cannot fill the teacher's emotional cup, so we should not seek emotional fulfillment via students.
- The teacher's emotional and social needs must be met by his/her own family, church, friends, other teachers.