

## **Seven principles for teaching**

Professor Howard Hendricks has influenced Christian educators and parents worldwide. His acrostic for the seven basic principles of teaching is as follows.

**T** *The law of the teacher:* Stop growing today and you stop teaching tomorrow.

**E** *The law of education:* How people learn best determines how you teach.

**A** *The law of activity:* Maximum learning is always the result of maximum involvement.

**C** *The law of communication:* To truly impart concepts and skills, bridges need to be built.

**H** *The law of the heart:* Teaching that impacts is not head to head, but heart to heart.

**E** *The law of encouragement:* Teaching is most effective when the learner is motivated and encouraged.

**R** *The law of readiness:* Teaching/learning will be most efficient when both student and teacher are adequately prepared and prayerful.