

# Training a Quarterback

After an injury early in the BCS national championship game in 2010, University of Texas quarterback Colt McCoy watched from the sidelines while his team lost to Alabama.

After the game, he told a sideline reporter: “I never question why things happen the way they do. God is in control of my life, and I know that ... I am standing on the Rock.”

McCoy was taken by the Cleveland Browns in the third round of the 2010 National Football League draft.

It's easy for us to read the principles and adages expressed in Proverbs and assume they're promises that God will always fulfill. But the truth is, more often than not, the proverbs and principles are just that – principles that *usually* work out that way in our lives – not absolute promises. The Bible is filled with both promises and principles, and it's crucial to understand the difference, or we could experience great disappointment.



In the case of the McCoy family, Colt's parents agreed on four godly principles to instill in their sons:

1. They would prepare their sons for the path, not prepare the path for their sons.
2. They would prepare their sons to do their best.
3. They would train them to be leaders.
4. They would teach them to deal with both open and closed doors.

A boy or girl who learns those principles is likely to hang on to his or her faith, even through tough times.

– Beecher Hunter