

GIVING MY KIDS WHAT THEY NEED MOST

Parenting in the 21st Century

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“Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him.” (Psalm 127:3, NLT)

WHAT MY KIDS NEED MOST

1. CONSISTENCY.

“...If the way you live isn't consistent with what you believe, then it's wrong.” (Romans 14:23, The Message)

“So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.” (Ephesians 5:33, NLT)

- Men tend to put WORK ahead of their marriage.
- Women tend to put THE KIDS ahead of their marriage.

Consistency Grade

1-2-3-4-5

2. COMPASSION.

“You must always act like your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:48, CEV)

“The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.” (Psalm 145:8, NIV)

“...older women must train the younger women to love their husbands and their children,” (Titus 2:4, NLT)

What My Kids Need from Me

- ATTENTION.
- Affection.
- AFFIRMATION.

Compassion Grade

1-2-3-4-5

3. CORRECTION.

*“Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their lives.”
(Proverbs 22:6, GNB)*

*“Correct your children while there is still hope; do not let them destroy themselves.”
(Proverbs 19:18, NCV)*

“Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.” (Proverbs 22:15, NASB 95)

“A refusal to correct is a refusal to love; love your children by disciplining them.” (Proverbs 13:24, The Message)

| | PUNISHMENT | DISCIPLINE |
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| Purpose: | Inflict <u>PENALTY</u> | Promote <u>GROWTH</u> |
| Focus: | <u>PAST</u> | <u>FUTURE</u> |
| Attitude: | <u>ANGER</u> | <u>LOVE</u> |
| Result: | <u>FEAR / GUILT</u> | <u>SECURITY</u> |

*“God is educating you...He’s treating you as dear children. This trouble you’re in **isn’t punishment; it’s training.**” (Hebrews 12:7, The Message)*

*“No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it’s painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are **trained in this way.**” (Hebrews 12:11, NLT)*

*“And now a word to you parents. Don’t keep on **scolding and nagging** your children, making them angry and resentful. Rather, bring them up with the **loving discipline** the Lord himself approves...” (Ephesians 6:4, The Living Bible)*

HOW TO LOVINGLY DISCIPLINE

- **CALMLY.**
*“**Foolish people lose their tempers,** but wise people control theirs.” (Proverbs 29:11, NCV)*
- **QUICKLY.**
*“...if you love [your son], you will be **prompt to punish** him.” (Proverbs 13:24, The Living Bible)*
- **ACCORDINGLY.**
*“**Words alone will not discipline...**the words may be understood, but they are not heeded.” (Proverbs 29:19, NLT)*
- **SPARINGLY.**
*“Fathers, **don’t scold your children so much that they become discouraged** and quit trying.” (Colossians 3:21, The Living Bible)*

Biblical discipline focuses on:

- Building character.
- Comprehending CONSEQUENCES.
- Teaching right from wrong.
- Communicating VALUE.

"I love you too much to allow you to hurt yourself or others."

Correction Grade

1-2-3-4-5

4. CLOSURE.

"Parents must not be put to death if their children do wrong, and children must not be put to death if their parents do wrong. Each person must die for his own sin." (Deuteronomy 24:16, NCV)

"But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." (John 9:21, NIV)

**I will never stop being a parent,
but there is a point in which I should stop PARENTING.**

Closure Grade

1-2-3-4-5

ACTION STEP

Take 1 Course.

Read 1 Book.

Begin using 1 App.