

# **I Do: Raising Kids Without Raising the Roof**

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*"For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far He has removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him; for He knows how we were formed, He remembers that we are dust." (Psalm 103:11-14)*

*"Be perfect, therefore, as your Heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5:48)*

The simple secret of parenting is to treat your children \_\_\_\_\_ treats you.

- 1.) First, we must seek to \_\_\_\_\_ our kids.

*"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him; for He knows how we were formed, He remembers that we are dust." (Psalm 103:13-14)*

*"Start children off in the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it." (Proverbs 22:6)*

*"A man of understanding has patience." (Proverbs 14:29)*

- 2.) I must strive to \_\_\_\_\_ my children.

*"Accept one another, just as Christ has accepted you." (Romans 15:7)*

- 3.) I must \_\_\_\_\_ my children.

*"The Lord disciplines those He loves." (Hebrews 12:6)*

*"Whosoever spares the rod hates their children, but the one who loves their children is careful to discipline them." (Proverbs 13:24)*

*"Discipline your children while they are young enough to learn. For if you don't, you are helping them, destroy themselves." (Proverbs 19:18 Good News Bible)*

God doesn't punish His children, but \_\_\_\_\_ discipline them.

The focus of punishment is on the past, and the focus of discipline is on the \_\_\_\_\_.

The attitude of the parent in punishment is anger. The attitude of the parent in discipline is \_\_\_\_\_.

The result of punishment is fear, guilt, and more anger. The result of discipline is \_\_\_\_\_.

*"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear because fear has to do with punishment." (1 John 4:18)*

When we discipline our children:

- A.) Do it \_\_\_\_\_:  
It is so much better  
when not done in  
anger.

*"Fools give full vent to their rage, but the wise bring calm in the end." (Proverbs 29:11)*

*"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4)*

- B.) Discipline quickly
- C.) Discipline sparingly -  
not all the time

*"Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged." (Colossians 3:21)*

- 4.) I must \_\_\_\_\_  
to my children.

*"See what great love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called the children of God." (1 John 3:1)*

- A.) Through \_\_\_\_\_.

- B.) Of course, through  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*"The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down." (Psalm 145:14)*

- C.) And of course, through  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*"Our heavenly Father is near to us when we call on Him." (Psalm 145:18)*

- 5.) I must be \_\_\_\_\_  
with my children.

*"The Lord is righteous in all His ways." (Psalm 145:17)*

How do we demonstrate honesty?

- We don't imply  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ when we are wrong.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ our promises.

*"The Lord is faithful to all His promises..." (Psalm 145:13)*

*"Our Father, which art in Heaven..." (Matthew 6:9)*

*"He will turn the hearts to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers." (Malachi 4:6)*