

What Kids Need Most pt 1

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What Kids Need Most is Love

Our culture often defines Love as **affirmation without correction.**

Proverbs 22:6

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it.

If we are to love well, we *must* understand how love is EXPRESSED.

Biblical Love Provides Instruction that SHAPES Life.

1 Samuel 2:12 (CEV)

“Eli's sons were priests, but they were dishonest and refused to obey the Lord.”

Ephesians 6:4 (MSG)

Fathers, don't frustrate your children with no-win scenarios. Take them by the hand and lead them in the way of the Master.

Uncorrected behavior RARELY corrects itself—it often intensifies.

Biblical Love Sets GUARDRAILS for Life

Hebrews 12:6 (The Voice)

For the Lord disciplines those He loves, and He corrects each one He takes as His own.

1 Kings 1:6 (NLT)

Now his father, King David, had never disciplined him at any time, even by asking, “Why are you doing that?”

Absence of boundaries is not freedom—it is NEGLECT.

The Perfect Love We REFLECT.

John 4:7-10

Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

**We do not parent *for* love —
We parent from love we have RECEIVED.**