

### 1. Withhold love.

Urge the younger women to love their husbands and children (**Titus 2:4**).

Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! (**Isaiah 49:15**).

[This] was a radical change from the callous cruelty which prevailed in the Roman Empire, in which unwanted babies were abandoned, weak and deformed ones killed, and even healthy children were regarded by many as a partial nuisance because they inhibited sexual promiscuity and complicated easy divorce.

**-John Stott**

### 2. Fathers, be passive and disengaged.

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

### 3. Nag, but don't discipline.

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

God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness (**Hebrews 12:10**).

Discipline your children, and they will give you peace; they will bring you the delights you desire (**Proverbs 29:17**).

Wise parents want to aim at a balance between saying yes and saying no to their children.

Parents who are too strict create a stifling, negative atmosphere in the home and produce children who gradually begin to feel that nothing they can do will be good enough to please their parents.

But parents who are too lenient will see their children grow up and become self-centered, rude, and obnoxious.

We want balanced homes in which the word yes is used over and over again and children understand clearly what behavior is expected.

Parents can be in control, be respected by their children, and be loved by them as well.

**-Susan Yates**

4. Emphasize outward appearance over the heart.

Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart (**1 Samuel 16:7**).

My son, give me your heart and let your eyes delight in my ways (**Proverbs 23:26**).

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it (**Proverbs 4:23**).

5. Don't make church a priority.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight (**Proverbs 3:5-6**).