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## *Love Is Discipline*



Children are a special gift from God. Although they are gifts, God is holding us responsible for their well-being both naturally and spiritually.

Society has declared if you're a single parent, your child automatically is going to have problems. What they haven't looked into, there are many homes with the father and the mother, but it's the mother that is taking the entire responsibility of raising the child as though she was a single parent.

Parenting with two is better and easier than single parenting if the father is playing the role of a father.

Single parents shouldn't be stigmatized neither should their children. Children act out what

has been told to them whether it's good or bad. Society will make your child feel as though they are a failure before they can get a head-start in life. It's the responsibility of the parent(s) to teach the child standards, morals and values. To do this, it will take discipline.

The first impression on a child is the parent, and if the parent doesn't have discipline neither will the child because they will do what they see their parents do.

Most children are observant, they see and watch their parents and they mimic what they see their parents and others do.

As parent we have to instill good habits in our children such as good hygiene and cleaning up after themselves. Teach them to respect themselves and others. Treat people the way they would like people to

treat them. Don't wait until they become a teenager or a young adult to teach them the value of family. In order to have a close family, children have to be taught. Children must feel like they are loved and appreciated. Many of our children are being trained they aren't going to be anything and that they're stupid. Rather than telling them what they aren't, tell them what they are.

We have to speak life into our children, not death. When we tell them what they aren't, we're speaking death to them and their goals.

Single mothers sometimes speak against the child because the father left them. The child didn't have anything to do with the failure of the relationship between the mother and the father.

Our children are trying to find themselves because they don't have

anyone to tell them who they are. Society programs our children's mind to operate against moral and spiritual principals. It's the parents responsibility to guide them to the morals and spiritual principals.

The reason why many children, young men and women join gangs is because they are looking for love, they are looking for someone to pay attention to them.

We have to train our children at an early age what is appropriate and what isn't. There was a time, our children could watch different programs on television and we didn't have to worry about them being taught to rebel against their parents; now on t.v., lying is what children do, profanity is ok, un-martial sex is alright as long as you wear a condom, affection towards the same gender is just expressing your inner-self. As parents we

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let society program our children. Too many times, we don't pay attention to what our children are watching on television. We don't check out their friends or their parents.

Sad to say, many children are raised in homes where neither of the parents are Christians. If we train our children spiritual laws, we wouldn't have to worry about visiting them in jail and prison because they disobeyed the natural laws.

Whether people believe in God or not, God's law will never change. The Bible teaches, if we don't discipline our children, we don't love them. When you love someone, you correct them, you don't let them continue to do wrong without discipline. If you don't, life has a hard way of teaching and it has no mercy or pity.

When we teach our children how to respect themselves and others, we don't have to worry about them when they become teenagers and young adults because we would have already taught them morals and spiritual laws to abide by.

There many clothing fads, but when children's clothing is dictating what their character will be; as parents we need to address the problems with our children.

Young men wearing their pants down below their behind isn't an appropriate dress. Some of these same young men will go to apply for a job with an scarf on their head, pants hanging down, shoes untied and they expect someone to hire them. Some of our elemen-

tary girls are dressing like hookers, and we wonder why so many of them are pregnant.

It's our responsibility as parents to make sure our children are taught to respect themselves and others. If we don't teach them at home, the world will and its teaching will be destructive.

Never say your child is unruly, they are unruly because you have allowed them to be. Many of our teenagers and young adults wouldn't be in the mess they're in, if we would have disciplined them at an early age.

Our children are depending on us as parents whether we are single parents or a home with two parents. Children have to be taught what is right and what is wrong. They have to be taught to think for themselves and not to let any one else think for them. They have to be taught what they can be and not what someone will tell them what they can't be.

The mothers of older generations would sit and talk with their children and see what's on their mind. Mothers would love their children, but they would also discipline them. All that mother or father would have to do is look at the child when they were doing something wrong, and the child would check themselves.

When children are taught from a child, good habits, morals, and spiritual laws they grow up to be strong adults and that's what makes a strong generation as well as a strong nation.

The Bible teaches morals, ethical and spiritual precepts and when we get these principals in the hearts of our children, we are creating them for success.

King Solomon was one of the wisest men that lived, and he wrote the Book of Proverbs. Take time and read the wisdom God imparted to Solomon and if, we as parents live according to these principals and impart them to our children, we will see a change in our children's behavior and character. What has been imparted in us, we can impart to others and this goes true with our children.

We should want our children to be well-educated, but education without wisdom, morals, ethics or spiritual precepts is just as detrimental as someone without an education. If we want to see a change in the world, it has to start with us and with our children.

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