



WAYS TO LOVE YOUR CHILD

FFC WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES
TAKE YOU TO GOD'S WORD FOR ANSWERS.

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Are you looking for ways to love your children? Do you wonder how to prioritize your time, using the time you have with them wisely so that they will be trained for God? Remember that Titus 2:4-5, and Genesis 2:24 teach that those who are married must love our husbands first. If you are focusing more on your children than on your husband, that needs to be confessed and repented of. The very best way you love your children is by loving their Dad.

Directions

- Carefully read each of the following 15 questions. If it is an area where you think you are struggling as a Mom, circle it.
- If you are married: ask your husband if he agrees with your assessment. Remember he is the head of the home and it is not your job to teach him (1 Corinthians 14:34-35, 1 Timothy 2:9-15). Let your coach know which areas you have circled and will be working on.
- In the areas you have circled, read the passages and go on to record what you learn you should not do and what you learn that you should do.
- Write a plan of action for training yourself in what you learn you should do in each of those passages. (i.e., How will you actually make sure you do what Scripture says? How will you make what you learn a reality in your life?)
- Your plan of action might include saying, "I will memorize this passage and quote it every morning. I will ask God to help me every morning. I will ask my coach to pray for me, exhort me, and check up on me. I will keep a daily record of times when I did obey and times I did not obey."
- Work together with your coach for suggestions about how to apply your life in each area you have circled. Discuss with her your plan of action and ask her to pray for you and hold you accountable.

Applying life to God's Word

1. DO I LOVE FIRST MY HUSBAND, THEN MY CHILD, UNCONDITIONALLY?

Deuteronomy 7:7, 1 John 4:10, 10, Titus 2:4-5

- What does this passage teach that we should not say or do? _____

- What does this passage teach that we should say or do? _____

- What does is my plan of action for training in what I learn from this passage? _____

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2. DO I LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES IN WHICH I CAN COMMEND MY CHILD? HOW DO I EXPRESS APPRECIATION FREQUENTLY? WHEN I HAVE TO CORRECT, DO I SPEAK 5 COMMENDATIONS IN THE NEXT HOUR?

Philippians 1:3, 1 Thessalonians 1:2, 2 Thessalonians 1:3

- What does this passage teach that we should not say or do? _____

- What does this passage teach that we should say or do? _____

- What does is my plan of action for training in what I learn from this passage? _____

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3. DO I SELDOM CRITICIZE MY CHILD WITHOUT FIRST EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR GOOD POINTS?

1 Corinthians 1:3-13

- What does this passage teach that we should not say or do? _____

- What does this passage teach that we should say or do? _____

- What does is my plan of action for training in what I learn from this passage? _____

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4. DO Demean OR BELITTLE MY CHILD, SAYING OR IMPLYING HE OR SHE IS DUMB, OR CLUMSY, OR STUPID?

Matthew 7:12, Ephesians 4:29-30, Colossians 4:6, Proverbs 12:18, 16:24

- What does this passage teach that we should not say or do? _____

- What does this passage teach that we should say or do? _____

- What does is my plan of action for training in what I learn from this passage? _____

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5. DO I SCOLD MY CHILD IN FRONT OF OTHERS? IF HE OR SHE IS MISBEHAVING IN PUBLIC, DO I SPEND PRIVATE TIME TEACHING OR ROLE PLAYING APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR?

Matthew 16:22-23, 18:15, 1 Corinthians 16:14

- What does this passage teach that we should not say or do? _____

- What does this passage teach that we should say or do? _____

- What does is my plan of action for training in what I learn from this passage? _____

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6. DO I MAKE THREATS OR PROMISES THAT I DO NOT INTEND TO KEEP?

Matthew 5:37, James 5:12, Colossians 3:9

- What does this passage teach that we should not say or do? _____

- What does this passage teach that we should say or do? _____

- What does is my plan of action for training in what I learn from this passage? _____

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7. DO I SAY "NO," AND WHEN I SAY IT, MEAN IT? OR AM I AFRAID TO?

Proverbs 22:15, 29:15, 1 Samuel 3:13, Genesis 18:19

- What does this passage teach that we should not say or do? _____

- What does this passage teach that we should say or do? _____

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8. IF MY CHILD HAS PROBLEMS OR IS A PROBLEM, DO I OVERREACT OR LOSE CONTROL OF MYSELF? DO I YELL, SHOUT, OR SCREAM?

Ephesians 4:26-27, 1 Corinthians 16:14, 2 Timothy 2:24, 1 Timothy 5:1-2

- What does this passage teach that we should not say or do? _____

- What does this passage teach that we should say or do? _____

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9. DO I COMMUNICATE OPTIMISM AND EXPECTANCY? OR DO I COMMUNICATE BY WORD AND ACTION THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP ON MY CHILD AND AM RESIGNED TO THEM BEING A FAILURE?

Philemon 2, 2 Corinthians 9:1-2, 1 Corinthians 13:7

- What does this passage teach that we should not say or do? _____

- What does this passage teach that we should say or do? _____

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10. WHEN I SIN AGAINST OR IN FRONT OF MY CHILD, DO I ADMIT IT AND ASK FORGIVENESS?

Matthew 5:23-24, James 5:16

- What does this passage teach that we should not say or do? _____

- What does this passage teach that we should say or do? _____

- What does is my plan of action for training in what I learn from this passage? _____

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11. DO I GIVE PLENTY OF TENDER LOVING CARE IN NURTURING MY CHILD? AM I FREE IN EXPRESSION OF LOVE BY WORK AND DEED?

1 Corinthians 13:1-8, 16:14, John 13:34, 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8

- What does this passage teach that we should not say or do? _____

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12. DO I HELP MY CHILD TO LEARN RESPONSIBILITY BY ADMINISTERING DISCIPLINE FAIRLY, CONSISTENTLY, LOVINGLY, AND PROMPTLY?

1 Samuel 3:13, Proverbs 13:24, 19:18, 22:15

- What does this passage teach that we should not say or do? _____

- What does this passage teach that we should say or do? _____

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13. DO I LIVE BIBLICALLY CONSISTENTLY? DO I REALIZE MY CHILD LEARNS MORE BY OBSERVING MY EXAMPLE THAN HEARING MY WORDS?

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 1 Thessalonians 2:10-12, Philippians 4:9, 2 Timothy 1:5,7

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14. DO I BUILD LOYALTY AND RESPECT FOR MY HUSBAND IN MY CHILD BY MY ATTITUDE?

Titus 2:4-5, Ephesians 5:22-33, Colossians 3:18

- What does this passage teach that we should not say or do? _____

- What does this passage teach that we should say or do? _____

- What does is my plan of action for training in what I learn from this passage? _____

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15. DO I MAKE IT EASY FOR FIRST MY HUSBAND, THEN MY CHILD TO APPROACH ME WITH PROBLEMS, DIFFICULTIES AND CONCERNS? DO I GIVE FIRST MY HUSBAND, THEN MY CHILD, MY UNDIVIDED ATTENTION? DO I SHOW AN INTEREST IN WHATEVER INTERESTS FIRST MY HUSBAND, THEN MY CHILD? OR AM I A MIND READER, AN INTERRUPTER, OR A CRITIC? AM I AVAILABLE WHEN FIRST MY HUSBAND, THEN MY CHILD, NEEDS ME?

James 1:19-20, 3:16-18, 1 John 3:16-18, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, Philippians 2:3-4, Titus 2:4-5

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