Falling In Love With My Kids

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Children love you unconditionally when they are young, just make sure that when they grow up and know better, you have given them a reason to continue their unconditional love. ~ Jim Rohn

Through skillful and godly Wisdom is a house (a life, a home, a family) built, and by understanding it is established [on a sound and good foundation], [4]And by knowledge shall its chambers [of every area] be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. [5]A wise man is strong and is better than a strong man, and a man of knowledge increases and strengthens his power; [6]For by wise counsel you can wage your war, and in an abundance of counselors there is victory and safety. Proverbs 24:3-6 (AMP)

How Do I Daily Convey Love To My Children?

1. _____ What I _____.

And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away on a journey, when you are lying down and when you are getting up again.
Deuteronomy 6:5-7 (NLT)

When your son asks you in time to come, saying, "What do the testimonies and the statutes and the judgments mean which the Lord our God commanded you?" Then you shall say… Deuteronomy 6:20,21a (NAS)

…set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love,
in faith and in purity." I Timothy 4:12 (NIV)

2. _____ It A Priority To _____.

I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. [28]So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD. And he worshiped the LORD there. I Samuel 21: 27, 28 (NIV)

Then Manoah prayed to the LORD : "O LORD, I beg you, let the man of God you sent to us come again to teach us how to bring up the boy who is to be born." Judges 13:8 (NIV)

3. _____ Beyond _____.

Discipline your son, for in that there is hope;
do not be a willing party to his death. Proverbs 19:18 (NIV)

To discipline a child produces wisdom, but a mother is disgraced by an undisciplined child. [17]Discipline your children, and they will give you peace of mind and will make your heart glad. Proverbs 29:15, 17 (NLT)

4. _____ When They _____.

A refusal to correct is a refusal to love; love your children
by disciplining them. Proverbs 13:24 (MSG)

My child, don't reject the LORD's discipline, and don't be upset when He corrects you. [12]For the LORD corrects those He loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights. [13]Joyful is the person who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding. Proverbs 3:11-13 (NLT)

I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent
and turn from your indifference. Revelation 3:19 (NLT)

5. _____ Time To _____.

Fathers, do not irritate and provoke your children to anger [do not exasperate them to resentment], but rear them [tenderly] in the training and discipline and the counsel and admonition of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4 (AMP)

And you and your children and grandchildren must fear the LORD your God as long as you live. If you obey all His decrees and commands, you will enjoy a long life. Deuteronomy 6:2 (NLT)

6. _____ The _____.

So honor the Lord and serve Him wholeheartedly…But if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve…But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15b (NLT)

For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just…
Genesis 18:19a (NIV)

THEREFORE BE imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father]. And walk in love, [esteeming and delighting in one another] as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us…
Ephesians 5:1-2a (AMP)

**While we try to teach our children all about life,
Our children teach us what life is all about.
~Angela Schwindt**