

## What Parents Owe Their Children

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#### The Trait Parents Want Children to Possess (Time Magazine)

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#### My List

1. To love and obey God.
2. To have a good self-image.
3. To take responsibility for their choices.
4. To have a positive mental attitude.
5. To have a thankful spirit.

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#### 1. Unconditional Love

Unconditional Love provides ...

- a. Security.
- b. Intimacy.
- c. A nurturing environment.

#### 2. Constructive Criticism

Love is basic to discipline. (Hebrews 12:5-11)

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Hebrews 12:6 - *“The Lord disciplines those He loves, and He punishes everyone He accepts as His child.”*

Correct discipline will ...

- a. cause children to respect their parents.
- b. cause children to do right.
- c. cause children to live at peace.

#### 3. Time Together

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##### How Parents Spend Family Time (per week)

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- 80 % Spend 30 minutes talking about things important to the child.
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- 59 % Took a trip that the children would enjoy.
- 49 % Played some type of a game.
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- 13 % Went to a movie together.

#### 4. A Christian Model

A study reveals that if both mother and father attend church regularly ...

- 72 % of their children remain faithful to God.
- 55 % if only dad attends regularly.
- 15 % if only mom attends regularly.
- 6 % if neither attends regularly.

#### 5. Mutual Respect

The toughest thing about raising kids is convincing them who has seniority.

There should be mutual respect in ...

- a. Their personality.
- b. Their pressures.
- c. Their opinions.

#### 6. A Foundation for the Future

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Parents must give children ...

- a. Roots.
- b. Wings.

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5. That they will have a responsible attitude in all of their personal relationships.
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10. That they will totally submit to God and actively resist Satan in all circumstances.
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12. That they will be hedged in so that they cannot find the way to the wrong people and wrong places and that the wrong people cannot find their way to them.

The Quality Most Parents Want to Teach Their Children Is ...  
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No More Oatmeal Kisses – by Erma Bombeck

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34 minutes: The amount of time the average family gets to spend together each day

<<http://www.highlandspringgroup.com/press-and-media/group-news/article/34-minutes-the-amount-of-time-the-average-family-gets-to-spend-together-each-day/>>

Family Time: Why Spending Time with Family is Important

<<https://www.aha-now.com/why-family-time-is-important/>>

Twelve Rules for Raising Delinquent Children –

by Captain Robert Horton, Houston P.D., Juvenile Division

<https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/12-rules-for-raising-delinquent-children>

The Impact on Kids of Dad's Faith and Church Attendance, June 2016

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