

Mother's Day 2021

The Parenting Priorities of a Mom

Primary point: Moms, your kids need you to be hard on their sin but soft with them.

A) Love your children by training the “Me Monster” in them

“Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far away.” (Prov 22:15)

“Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.” (Prov 13:24).

“Discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart.” (Prov 29:17)

B) Empathize with your child's emotions

“We were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children.” (1 Thess 2:7)

The Me Monster always gets the Law. Our children always get grace.

C) Customize your training to your child's strengths, interest, and personality

Moms, you need to recognize who God made your kid to be, and help them become the very best version of themselves. (Eph 6:4; Col 3:21).

Yes, make them do hard things. But have them do hard things that they are good at.

The 5 love languages are:

Words of appreciation

Physical touch

Acts of service

Quality time

Gifts

Discussion ?'s for parents

- 1) How are we doing on controlling the “Me Monster” in our children? Where is rebellion against your authority showing up? Where is anger showing up? What has hindered you in being more faithful in this area?
- 2) Which one of you is better at connecting with your children's emotions? What can help the other parent do better at this?
- 3) What are the personality and aptitude strengths of your children? How can you focus more on these? What is your children's “love languages”? How can you communicate these?