

Parenting Rules from Parenting Class 2024

1. If you don't TRAIN your child, your child will TRAIN you!
2. Tell your child, "**I love you**" often!
3. Do not give a child a choice that you don't want them to make.
4. Don't cater to a child's crying
5. When your authority, as a parent, is challenged – Win! And win decisively!
6. Don't make promises to a child you can't keep. If you make a promise – keep it! (Even at a cost).
7. Parents (mom & dad) should always be united (on rules, discipline, teaching and goals).
8. Don't blame others for what you taught your child (by example or lack of direction).
9. Don't expect your child to be an adult. Try to see their world through their eyes.
10. Don't compare a child to his/her siblings or other children.
11. Don't reward misbehavior. Don't reward whining and crying.
12. "The best opportunity to communicate often occurs after punishment" (James Dobson, *Dare to Discipline*, 35)
13. Once a child has been disciplined and any "teaching" about the matter is over, express your love for the child and forget the incident.
14. When parents have control of children in their homes, it is much easier to make them behave in worship.
15. Praise and commend your child (at all ages) to build self-confidence. Constant criticism (done to challenge the child) can destroy the child & their respect for you.
16. Be careful who you allow your children to associate with. (Be very watchful).
 - *Start early setting rules*
 - *Don't assume your child's influence will be stronger than their friend's*
17. Don't neglect your mate while focusing on your children. If you do, when your children leave home you will not know the person to whom you are married.
18. Teach your children to take responsibility for their actions. If not, they may become adults who believe nothing is ever their fault.
19. Parents who enable their children contribute to their continuing in their sin.
20. Train your children so they don't *have to* depend on you when they are grown.
21. Your self-image will likely shape your child's self-image.
22. Make time every day for "play time" and "Bible time".