

W E E MARRIAGE REF

PART 6: TEAM FAMILY

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1. We must have a _____ .

Mark 3:25 And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

- a. Never allow a significant _____ to develop in how you express love or enforce discipline.
- b. Always honor each other in front of your children and make your children honor your spouse.

2. We have the greatest impact upon the _____ of our children's lives.

- a. We reproduce what we are, not what we want.

1 Corinthians 4:15-16

- b. Your life speaks louder than your lips.

3. Raising children is _____ .

- a. Too many parents hang on too long and do too much for their kids.

- b. If we _____ our marriage for our children, it will send us into despair when our children leave.

- c. Our goal is to build and create independence not _____ .

4. Parenting takes _____.

Proverbs 22:6 NKJV Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

WHEN KIDS MAKE BAD CHOICES:

Luke 15:11-13 Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. 13 "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living."

1. Recognize that neither you nor God can _____ your children's will.

2. Allow them to make _____.

Luke 15:14-16 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

3. Don't _____ yourself or each other.

❖ You're not a bad parent because your kids make bad choices.

4. _____ them unconditionally.

1 Corinthians 13:8a Love never fails.

5. Envelope them in _____.

James 5:16b NLT The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

6. Stand on God's promises.

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Isaiah 55:11 AMP So will My word be which goes out of My mouth; It will not return to Me void (useless, without result), Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding *in the matter* for which I sent it.

Ephesians 6:12-14 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then...

7. Don't be moved by what you _____.

Luke 15:17-20 "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' 20 So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

8. Make sure they know: "No mistake is unforgivable."

9. Offer unconditional _____.

Luke 15:21-24 "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

10. _____ them to their rightful place.

**All scriptures are from the NIV translation unless otherwise noted.*