

Three Things Your Kid Needs

Proverbs 4:20-27

Introduction: Cool cars, ipads, and the latest clothes are what many kids demand from their parents today. However, if they are to live a successful life there are three things every child needs to experience in the home.

I. Your Kids Need LOVE

They need to know what love is

1 Corinthians 13:1-7 (v. 1-3 A paraphrase of 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 for parents: "If I offer the best parental advice, but have not love, I am only a two-year-old banging on a dishpan. If I read every book on parenting, and if I attend every parenting conference, but have not love, I am nothing. If I spend all my salary to provide the best for my children, but have not love, I gain nothing.")

They need to experience real, not superficial love

Luke 11:11-13 , Galatians 6:10

They need to see you love your spouse

II. Your Kids Need TIME

Proper training takes time

Ephesians 5:15-16

Your time shows your priorities

1 Samuel 1:28

Your time will one day run out

Psalms 90:12, Ecclesiastes 12:1

III. Your Kids Need DISCIPLINE

Don't be a friend, be a parent: create boundaries

Proverbs 3:11-12

Discipline wisely for a purpose

Hebrews 12:11, Proverbs 13:24, Proverbs 29:15

Choose your battles

Ephesians 6:4, Colossians 3:21