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FAMILIES

Ephesians 6:1-4. Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth."

Fathers (parents), do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord. NLT

LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY

Romans 5:8. God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. NLT

AFFIRM FREQUENTLY

Matthew 3:16-17. After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. And voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy." NLT

INSTRUCT CLEARLY

Deuteronomy 30:19. Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! NLT

DISCIPLINE LOVINGLY

Hebrew 12:6. My dear child, don't shrug off God's discipline, but don't be crushed by it either. It's the child he loves that he disciplines; the child he embraces, he also corrects. The Message Bible

EMPOWER FULLY

Romans 14:12. Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God. NLT

RELATIONAL PRINCIPLES

- 1. Love unconditionally.
- 2. Affirm frequently.
- 3. Instruct clearly.
- 4. Discipline lovingly.
- 5. Empower fully.

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