I want to give my children the gift of hope.

Phyllis Therous, *Night Lights*
You are not only making memories, you are the memories. In a deep subconscious, unarticulated place, a parent stays with his or her child forever.

Valerie Bell, *Get Out of Your Kid’s Faces and Into Their Hearts*
Perhaps the most profound effect of television watching... is its effect on family relationships. Regular TV watching deprives families of opportunities to interact.

*Why Johnny Can’t Tell Right from Wrong*  
William Kilpatrick
Children need more than food, shelter, and clothing. The bottom line is: Every Child Needs at Least One person who’s crazy about him.

Fran Stott Erickson Institute for Advanced Study in Child Development
Parents are loving, firm but fair. Consistent, affectionate, forgiving. Sacrificial, encouraging, wise, humble, and strong. They also have Date Books or Month-at-a-Glance Calendars with plenty of dates with their children already scheduled!

Kevin Leman Bringing U Kids Without Tearing Them Down
Quality moments with your children come out of spending as much time as you can.

Kevin Leman Bringing Up Kids Without Tearing Them Down
Author Robert Lewis says there are 3 things your son must know before he leaves home:

❤️ that you love him,
❤️ that you’re proud of him and
❤️ that he’s good at something.
RELATIONSHIPS: Good relationship skills are essential. This skill development begins at birth through a child’s attachment to his or her mother.
PURPOSE: Without parental direction about life’s purpose, children will seek out answers for themselves. Often these answers will come from other youth and may not reflect a healthy, productive lifestyle.
HEALTH: A healthy lifestyle is an important factor in a child’s life. How a child treats his or her body has a direct impact on how he or she grows physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. iMom.com
Wisdom: Wisdom enables us to make good decisions in life. Without wisdom, a child is likely to make bad choices and suffer the consequences for those choices with potentially increasing regularity.

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Parents need to fill a child's bucket of self-esteem so high that the rest of the world can't poke enough holes to drain it dry.
There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other, wings.

- Hodding Carter