

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.

William Kilpatrick *Why*

Johnny Can't Tell Right from Wrong

**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. iMom.com

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