



## How to Say, "You Are Worth It"

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### INTRO – FOUR NEEDS EVERY CHILD HAS

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- \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
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**PRINCIPLE:** Boys and Girls have these needs fulfilled through one basic \_\_\_\_\_ they need answered by their parents.

*Boy's Question:* Do I have what it \_\_\_\_\_ ... he is looking to \_\_\_\_\_ you

*Girl's Question:* Am I \_\_\_\_\_ ... she is trying to capture your \_\_\_\_\_

**BIBLICAL TRUTH:** If you \_\_\_\_\_ your child properly, their other needs will also be \_\_\_\_\_.

*Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13 (NLT)*

### HOW TO LOVE YOUR CHILDREN PROPERLY

- Be their \_\_\_\_\_, but be their \_\_\_\_\_ first  
- 1 Timothy 3:4
- Understand their love \_\_\_\_\_  
- 1 John 3:18
- \_\_\_\_\_ them the way they are, but don't expect them to \_\_\_\_\_ that way  
- Romans 15:7
- Through godly \_\_\_\_\_  
- Proverbs 13:24, Proverbs 19:18
- Prepare them for real \_\_\_\_\_  
- Proverbs 22:6
- Point them to \_\_\_\_\_  
- Philippians 3:8

**FINAL THOUGHT:** As parents, you choose what is most \_\_\_\_\_ to your family.

*... choose today whom you will serve ... as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15 (NLT)*

### Seven Things to Remember about Children

*The Five Love Languages of Children – Gary Chapman & Ross Campbell*

1. They are children.
2. They will tend to act like children.
3. Much childish behavior is unpleasant to adults
4. If I do my part as a parent and love them, despite their childish behavior, they will mature and give up their childish ways.
5. If I love them only when they please me (conditional love), and I express my love to them only at those times, they will not feel genuinely loved. This will damage their self-image, make them feel insecure, and actually prevent them from moving into better self-control and more mature behavior. Therefore, their development and behavior is as much my responsibility as it is theirs.
6. If I love them only when they meet my requirements or expectations, they will feel incompetent and will believe it is pointless to do their best, since it is never enough. They will always be plagued by insecurity, anxiety, low self-esteem, and anger. To guard against this, I need to often remind myself of my responsibility for their total growth.
7. If I love them unconditionally, they will feel comfortable about themselves and will be able to control their anxiety and their behavior as they grow to adulthood.

### Seven Things Every Teenager Needs to Know

*The Seven Checkpoints – Andy Stanley & Stuart Hall*

1. Authentic Faith ... Are your children trusting God with the critical areas of life?
2. Spiritual Disciplines ... Are your children developing a consistent devotional and prayer life?
3. Moral Boundaries ... Are your children establishing and maintaining godly moral boundaries?
4. Healthy Friendships ... Are your children establishing healthy friendships and avoiding unhealthy ones?
5. Wise Choices ... Are your children making wise choices in every area of their lives?
6. Ultimate Authority ... Are your children submitting to the authorities God has placed over them?
7. Other First ... Are your children putting the needs of others ahead of their own?

### How To Discover Your Child's Love Language

*The Five Love Languages of Children – Gary Chapman & Ross Campbell*

1. Observe how your child expresses love to you
2. Observe how your child expresses love to others
3. Listen to what your child requests most often
4. Notice what your child most frequently complains about
5. Give your child a choice between two options