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Somebody's Killing Our Kids

(How be the person your kids want to be like)

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"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." (Prov 22:6, NIV)

"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, **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." (Ephesians 6:1-4 NLT)

3 Common Parenting Mistakes

Adopt a **command and control** philosophy.

Raise them experience **rich** but relationship **poor**.

"Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat-- for he grants sleep to those he loves. SONS ARE A HERITAGE FROM THE LORD, CHILDREN A REWARD FROM HIM. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their enemies in the gate." (Psa 127 NIV)

Underestimate their power to **influence and inspire!**

6 Things Your Children Want You To Know

We **wear** your **glasses**.

We want you to say **"no"** in love.

"Above all, my brothers, do not swear--not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. Let your 'Yes' be yes, and your 'No,' no, or you will be condemned." (James 5:12, NIV)

We listen with our **eyes**.

We don't need **a friend** we want a **father**.

"He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is CAREFUL to discipline him." (Prov 13:24, NIV)

We don't need **a maid** we want a **mother**.

We tend to **repeat** your **mistakes**.

"And God spoke all these words: 'I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.'" (Exo 20:1-6, NIV)