

Favorite Quotations on Parenting

- ❖ Encouragement is stronger than criticism.
- ❖ When you work with people, it is a lot like mining for gold. You do not look for the dirt. You look for the gold. (Andrew Carnegie)
- ❖ Don't do anything you wouldn't teach your children to do.
- ❖ I've learned that love and a listening ear are the greatest things you can give your children.
- ❖ I've learned that you can tell how good a parent you were by observing your children with their children.
- ❖ It's not what the teacher says, but what the student hears, that matters.
- ❖ When a child is convinced he is greatly loved and respected by his parents, he is inclined to accept his own worth as a person.
- ❖ The foundational understanding on which the entire parent-child relationship rests is found in a careful balance between love and discipline. The interaction of those two variables is critical and is as close as we can get to a formula for successful parenting. (Dr. James Dobson, *The New Dare to Discipline*, p. 48)
- ❖ Children miss nothing in sizing up their parents. If you are only half convinced of your beliefs, they will quickly discern that fact. Any ethical weak spot-any indecision on your part-will be incorporated and then magnified in your sons and daughters. Their faith or faithlessness will be a reflection of our own. (Dr. James Dobson, *Parenting Isn't for Cowards*, p.106)
- ❖ I've learned that the kind of adults my children are now is directly related to the kind of children I continually told them they were.