

What Do My Children MOST Need From Me?

Series: Questions – Big Questions. Real Answers.

– I Samuel 1-2 –

1. The Example of God

2. The Expression of Love

A. Love allows **PAIN and FAILURE**

B. Love invites **RELATIONSHIP**

C. Love pays **ATTENTION**

2. The Expression of Discipline

A. When parents don't discipline their children, their children
DON'T RESPECT GOD

B. When parents don't discipline their children, their children
WON'T RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE

C. When parents don't discipline their children, their children
DON'T KNOW THAT THEY ARE LOVED

Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. Notice the context of Prov. 3:5-12. How does the Lord's discipline relate to His blessing?
3. With your own children, are (or were) you *more* or *less* strict than your parents were with you? Do you tend to be too strict or too permissive/lenient as parent?
4. Read I Sam. 2:12-26. How many contrasts do you see between the sons of Eli and Samuel?
5. In light of I Sam. 3:12-13, how important is it to discipline children today? How would you describe the differences between a "Hannah" parent and an "Eli" parent?
6. If you could go back in time, and God brought you into the events of these chapters (1-3) to act as a personal counselor to Eli, what kind of counsel would you give him and how would you express it?
7. You are a talk-show host discussing spanking. How does your three generation panel each react to Prov. 13:24?

