
THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN HEALTHY PARENTING

Genesis 4:1

INTRODUCTION

- Genesis 4:1 records the _____ relationship between a child and his parents!
- It is the word “_____” that I believe to be the most important factor in successful parenting—provided it is a _____ one!
- The word speaks of _____: physical, emotional, spiritual, intellectual, and financial!

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTHY PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS

- A. They affect a child’s _____ progress!
- B. They impact a child’s _____ and self-esteem!
- C. They influence a child’s response to _____ and _____ temptations!
- D. They propel a child’s _____ skills!
- E. They inspire a child’s _____ walk!

“Even when young children spend most of their waking hours in child care, parents remain the most influential adults in their lives.”

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II. SEVEN TIPS FOR BUILDING HEALTHY PARENT- CHILD RELATIONSHIPS

- A. Listen more than _____!
 - Listening demonstrates _____.
 - Listening builds _____.
- B. Demonstrate _____ love!

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- C. Help them _____ of being the _____ they can be!
- D. Teach them how to place “_____ in the _____”!
- E. Have _____ and _____ at yourself!
- F. Expect _____; don’t beg for it!
- G. Remember, faith is more _____ than taught!

“Life affords no greater responsibility, no greater privilege, than the raising of the next generation.”

C. Everett Koop
Former US Surgeon General