

never felt any real concern, reasoning, rationalisation, explaining, or motivation, & so they never learned love, love for God, love for parents, love of others. They just never learned the right motivation. They only did it because they were made to & they would only do as much as they were made to do, whereas Love goes much further, even all the way. It'll go to the death & die for someone else, to do the right thing.

33. Some parents break their child's stubborn will by force, but that child will always be stubborn anyhow whenever he gets a chance. He'll only obey the law as long as the law enforcer is there, and the minute he gets out of sight of his parents he will go wild and won't know how to handle freedom or choice!

34. The best law is Love & along with Love comes reasoning, persuasion, explaining, teaching, the Word & all the rest so that the children can make their own decisions, because they'll stick to it far better if they decide to do it themselves because they want to do right! That'll go a lot further than only doing right because you're there to make'm!

35. When it becomes necessary to finally enforce the law that you've given, if after a warning & repeated counselling they go ahead & do it stubbornly, rebelliously, wilfully anyway, you finally have to lower the boom & apply the rod, as God's Word says. It's very very Scriptural, & if you don't do it you're going to be sorry.

36. You cannot threaten judgement & then not carry it out! Law without enforcement is no law at all. Many a time I have wished that I didn't have to enforce my own laws upon my children & I've tried to sort of get out of it. But once you let them get away with it & they find out you're not going to enforce it, then there's hell to pay because then they figure they can get away with it every time.

37. It takes time & patience & understanding & lots of real Love to train a child, instead of just knocking him around & violently forcing him to do things he doesn't understand or thinks are not right or unfair.

38. One thing I couldn't tolerate was for people to be sassy & insolent & show disrespect by talking back. Arguing is one

thing, but downright disrespectful remarks just infuriate me, & I used to really sock it to them for that!

39. May God give you great love, patience & wisdom & also the mercy to forgive when necessary or advisable!—Or deserved because of great repentance & Godly sorrow!

40. The best kind of correction should be chastening or child-training, something that will teach them something, train them & help them to learn the lesson, & help them never to make the same mistake again. I much preferred for my father to give me a good walloping so I could get it over with, than to lecture me for an hour or two. To me that was the worst correction of all, but I know I usually learned a lot more from those lectures than from the beating.

41. When the child training, the chastening, the punishment is over, then is the time to love, to comfort, to encourage, "lest that which is lame be turned out of the way", in other words, become discouraged.—Heb.12:13.

42. Don't let your children get away with a deliberate wrongdoing. You'll be sorry if you do! Don't be too harsh & severe, but after a repeated warning where you've made it very clear what you mean & they really understand what you're talking about—if they keep right on at it, wilfully, knowingly & defiantly doing it to see if you really mean it, then you've gotta show 'm you mean it!

43. "Let your moderation be known unto all men."—Phil.4:5. Be "temperate in all things" (1Cor.9:25), and hit a middle-of-the-road in your scoldings & deprivations of privileges & applications of the rod. Don't be too easy on them, but don't be too hard on them either. And always try to show them why & try to get their willing cooperation through understanding & reasoning, as the Lord does. Then, only after your repeated warning & their repeated wilful defiant disobediences & an absolute refusal to obey, are you justified in using loving force—as God does!

44. Those who can't be controlled through Love have to be controlled through fear. You have to cause children to respect you before you can get them to love you. Even the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom & if you begin to have a little wisdom