

Ways To Bring Out The Best in Your Children

1. **Don't spoil me. I know quite well that I ought not have all I ask for. I'm only testing you.**
2. **Don't be afraid to be firm with me. I prefer it. It lets me know where I stand.**
3. **Don't use force with me. It teaches me that power is all that counts. I will respond more readily to being led.**
4. **Don't be inconsistent. That confuses me and makes me try harder to get away with everything I can.**
5. **Don't make promises you may not be able to keep. That will discourage my trust in you.**
6. **Don't do things for me that I can do for myself. It makes me feel like a baby and I may continue to put you in my service.**
7. **Don't try to preach to me. You would be surprised how well I know what is right and wrong.**
8. **Don't nag. If you do, I shall have to protect myself by appearing deaf.**
9. **Don't forget I love experimenting. I learn from it, so please put up with it.**
10. **Don't protect me from consequences. I need to learn from experience.**
11. **Don't try to discuss my behavior in the heat of conflict. For some reason, my hearing is not very good at this time, and my cooperation is even worse. It is all right to take the action required, but let us not talk about it until later.**
12. **Don't worry about the little amount of time we spend together. It is HOW we spend it that counts.**
13. **Don't ever think that it is beneath your dignity to apologize to me. An honest apology makes me feel surprisingly warm towards you.**
14. **Don't be afraid to cry or to laugh with me. I want you to share sadness as well as happiness with me.**

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