

WAYS WE OFFEND OUR CHILDREN

Lack of interest in things that are special to me
 Breaking promises
 Criticizing unjustly
Allowing my brothers or sisters to put me down
 Misunderstanding my motives
 Speaking carelessly
Punishing me for something I'd already been punished for
 Telling me that my opinions don't really matter
 Giving me the feeling that you never made mistakes
Not being gentle when pointing out my weaknesses or blind spots
Lecturing me and not understanding that all I need is some support
 Never saying, "I love you"
 Not spending time alone with me
 Being insensitive and rough
 Being thoughtless
 Never saying, "thank you"
 Speaking harsh words
 Being inconsistent
 Being taken for granted
Being told how to do something that I was doing on my own
 Nagging me
 Bossing me
 Feeling unnoticed and unappreciated
 Being ignored
Not being considered a thinking/feeling person
 Being too busy to care for me
 Being too busy to listen to what I have to say
Dismissing my needs as not important, and yours are more important
 Bringing up mistakes from the past
 Teasing excessively
 Not noticing my accomplishments
 Making tactless comments
Liking me only for my physical looks or abilities, not for who I really am
 Not being praised, complimented, or appreciated
 Being built up, then let down
 Getting my hopes up to do something, then not following through
Being corrected without being reminded that I am loved and worthwhile
 Being corrected or disciplined in harshness and anger
 Being corrected or disciplined in front of others
Not reasoning with me and not giving an explanation for the punishment
 Misusing brute force
Reacting to me in the opposite way I perceive a Christian should act
 Raising your voice
 Not being interested in who I am
Criticizing what I do or who I like as though I am stupid
 Using foul language when you're upset with me
 Being impatient, which often comes across as rude
 Never being shown proper physical affection