

A person with a backpack stands on a rocky mountain peak, arms raised in triumph, overlooking a vast valley. The sky is filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

*"Praise the Lord,
oh my soul"*
Psalms

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Loving Your Children, What's Love Got to Do with It?

1 Corinthians 13:1-13
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OVERVIEW:

As Christian mothers, we are commanded from Scripture to protect, instruct, discipline, evangelize, disciple, care and provide for our children. But does the Bible command us to love them?

- Isn't love supposed to come naturally?
- Is loving my children the same as always loving each season of parenting?
- How do I show love towards the unlovely things in my child's life?

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Biblical Parenting: What Do the Scriptures Say?

The Blessing/Gift of Your Children:

- Psalm 127:3 Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.
- Proverbs 23:24 The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him.

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Biblical Parenting: What Do the Scriptures Say?

Do Not Provoke Your Children:

- Colossians 3:21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

Do Not Grow Weary:

- Galatians 6:9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

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Biblical Parenting: What Do the Scriptures Say?

Provide For Your Children:

- 2 Corinthians 12:14b. . . For children are not obligated to save up for their parents, but parents for their children.

Protect Your Children:

- Proverbs 31:8 Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute.

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Biblical Parenting: What Do the Scriptures Say?

Disciplining Your Children:

- Proverbs 29:17 Discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart.
- Proverbs 13:24 - Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.

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Training Your Children:

- Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

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Biblical Parenting: What Do the Scriptures Say?

Discipling Your Children:

- Ephesians 6:4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

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Biblical Parenting: What Do the Scriptures Say?

Discipling Your Children:

- Deuteronomy 6:5-7 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

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The Command to “Love” Your Children:

CRICKETS

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Titus 2:4 right?

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The Command to “Love” Your Children:

**What about our hero, the
Proverbs 31 woman?**

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Love Defined

The World says LOVE is -

A noun

1. an intense feeling of deep affection.

"babies fill parents with feelings of love"

2. a great interest and pleasure in something.

"his love for football"

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Love Defined

The World says LOVE is

A *verb* (state of being)

1. feel deep affection for (someone).

"he loved his sister dearly"

2. like or enjoy very much.

"I just love dancing"

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Love Defined

The World says LOVE is

Joyful Affection

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Love Defined

I Don't LOVE this Season of Parenting!

I Don't LOVE my Child's Behavior!

I Don't LOVE the Choices My Child is

Making! I Don't LOVE this Child Right Now!

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Love Defined

I Don't LOVE this Season of Parenting!

- Pregnancy
- Newborn phase
- Toddler
- School age
- Preteen and Teenages
- Young Adult/Adult Children

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Love Defined

I Don't LOVE my child's behavior!

- **Embarrassment**
- **Physically and emotionally draining**
- **Fear of failure**
- **Lack of discipline**

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Love Defined

I Don't LOVE the choices my child is making!

- **Suffering Consequences**
- **Spiritual Implications**
- **Pride**
- **Guilt**
- **Fear**

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Love Defined

I Don't LOVE this child right now!

- **Your Own Trauma**
- **Season of Life**
- **Their Similar Personality**
- **Their Different Personality**

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Love Defined

Might the feelings of Joyful Affection be affected by the overwhelming pressure to do it all right!!!

AFTER ALL WE MUST...

Provide the proper environment always-Feed the right foods-Dress them appropriately-Provide the best education-Brush and floss daily-Straight A's only-Be kind-Top athlete-Best birthday parties-Core memories-and for heaven's sake, do I vaccinate?!?!

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Love Defined

The World says LOVE is ONLY

Joyful Affection

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BUT

**LOVING MY CHILDREN IS
NOT THE SAME AS LOVING
ALL THAT COMES ALONG
WITH PARENTING!!!**

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What does the Bible Say About Love?

The Command to “Love” Your Children:

- Lev 19:18b love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.
- Matt. 22:37 And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.
- Mark 12:31 The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ **There is no other commandment greater than these.”**

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The Command to “Love” Your Children:

- John 13:34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

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What does the Bible Say About Love?

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

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What does the Bible Say About Love?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- Love is patient and kind;
- Love does not envy or boast;
- It is not arrogant
- Or rude.
- It does not insist on its own way;
- It is not irritable or resentful;

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What does the Bible Say About Love?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- It does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.
- Love bears all things,
- Believes all things,
- Hopes all things,
- Endures all things.
- Love never ends.

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What does the Bible Say About Love?

Love is an *Active Verb*

ACTION MOMMAS!

Consider the Prov. 31 Woman

There is no question that she loves her husband and children, we can see it in her actions!

We see forbearance, humility, self-sacrifice, and we see enduring hope and belief!

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“The ACTION of Love is to act unwaveringly in a manner that brings about the “best” possible outcome for the object or person of your love.

This comes with the understanding that the idea of what is “best” must be revealed by God and can't be our own presumptions or interpretations.

If our search for that which is "best" is coming from God and not ourselves It will naturally have due consideration for what is "best" for all eternity.”

—Joe Cooper

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What does the Bible Say About Love?

1 John 4:10

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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The Action Of Love Look Like In Parenting?

- Trust God
- Build a Solid Foundation of Biblical Truth
- Arrange your Priorities
- Do the Hard Work of Discipline and Teach Submission
- Be an Example

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The Action Of Love Look Like In Parenting?

- Disciple Your Children
- Be Compassionate
- Watch How You Talk
- Forgive Easily
- Admit When You are Wrong

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Helpful Practices

- **ASK** for Wise Godly (Older) Counsel (Titus 2:4)
- **SEEK** Wise Godly Peers (Prov. 13:20)
- **RECEIVE** Grace and Mercy (Lam. 3:22-23)
- **ACCEPT** the Chaos and Craziness and Imperfection of Life! (Matt. 6:34)
- **PRAY PRAY PRAY!** (Phil. 4:6)

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Encouraging Truth

- Fear is overcome at the feet of a Sovereign God.
(Rom. 8:28)
- My child and difficult parenting are not the enemy.
(1 Pet. 5:8)
- It goes by **SO FAST!** (James 4:14)
- Be thankful for every day you can influence them.
(Prov. 22:6)

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Encouraging Truth

- Appreciate the uniqueness of each child (Ps. 139:14)
- Don't stress the small stuff (Matt 6:34)
- Don't Lose Hope (Luke 1:37)
- Don't make our children (or our feelings/ joyful affection) idols (Luke 14:25-33)
- Don't make parenting about us (3 John 1:4)
- They are **HIS** not ours!! (Jer. 1:5)

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BIG TAKEAWAYS

- **God's truth in parenting struggles are far more valuable and reliable than any other parenting method.**
- **Our Goal is to raise Fully Functioning Followers of Christ.**

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Helpful Resources

THE CHARACTER CORNER -

What does the Bible say about raising a difficult child?

<https://www.thecharactercorner.com/what-does-the-bible-say-about-raising-a-difficult-child>

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[Helpful Resources](#)

ROOTED -

Yes, It's True – God Really Does Love Your
Child More Than You

<https://rootedministry.com/yes-true-god-really-love-child/>

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Helpful Resources

THE JOYFUL LIFE -

45 Encouraging Bible Verses About Parenting
and What They Mean

<https://joyfullifemagazine.com/bible-verses-about-parenting/>

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