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Message to the Child:

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Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Eph. 6:4

Practical Application: Be consistent. Husband and wife should sit down and determine what the boundaries and consequences should be and then support each other. Set the boundaries and act in support of those boundaries. Don't use too many words. A child's language is action, not words. The adult leads and the child follows.

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And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them. Mark 10:16

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Express acceptance through smiles, eye contact, affectionate touches, kisses, hugs, words about how special they are, high fives, special handshakes, coded words that imply special meanings to you and your child.

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