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Saturation love is a *need* of children.

Two kinds of rod:

- Rod of anger (Proverbs 22:8)
- Rod of correction (Proverbs 22:15)
 - <https://www.alittleperspective.com/proverbs-22>¹

There is a difference between *childishness* and *foolish rebellion*.

Rebuking our children is part of loving our neighbor as ourselves. However, we are not to bear a grudge against our children.

“You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am YHVH.”

- Leviticus 19:17-18

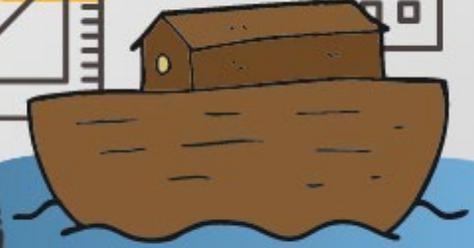
We need to have the same compassion for our children that our Heavenly Father has for us.

¹ Learn about chiasmic structures at <https://homeschoolingt Torah.com/interview-with-christine-miller-the-teaching-tools-of-scripture-2017-homeschool-family-conference>



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Be sure we teach our children the rules of the house – before they violate them. Be proactive!

- ✓ How to Set Up a Family Rule Book -- <https://youtu.be/QClgAJTBo2o>
- ✓ Be *patient* with your children as they learn the rules.

You cannot give what you have not received.

- ✓ Saturate yourself in the love of YHVH.
- ✓ YHVH is not mad at us! He is slow to anger, compassionate, and forgiving.
 - Exodus 34:6-7
 - Luke 18:9-14
- ✓ Your mind and heart must both believe YHVH loves you.
 - Your emotions tell you what your heart actually believes.

Verses That Tell Us God Loves Us (and More):

- <https://www.alittleperspective.com/god-loves-me>
- <https://www.alittleperspective.com/scripture-pictures-sorted-by-topic>

How to Battle Lies with Truth:

- <https://homeschoolingtorah.com/2019doorkeepers/session-1-battling-lies-with-truth>

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

- Romans 10:17

- 1 Corinthians 13
- Deuteronomy 6:4-9



Saturation love is a *need* in marriage!

- We can put our trust in YHVH, that what He joined together, we should not put asunder for any reason.
- We don't put our trust in human beings who can fail, but in the Creator of the Universe, who cannot fail.
- Marriage is a refining process, part of what helps us grow up.
- The Heavenly Father will **teach** you!
- We need to stay committed to our vows.

"And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?"

- Matthew 7:3

"Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, and revive me in Your way."

- Psalm 119:37

"For myself, conviction without compromise. For everyone else, mercy without measure."

- Author Batya Wooten

"For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise."

2 Corinthians 10:12

*"YHVH your God in your midst,
The Mighty One, will save;
He will rejoice over you with gladness,
He will quiet you with His love,
He will rejoice over you with singing.*

- Zephaniah 3:17

Saturation Love

Jim Wilson

God gives commands to love. These commands are to be applied to wives, brothers, neighbors, aliens, and enemies. This love is **that** love that God had for us when Jesus Christ died for us. It is sacrificial; it is made up of its primary expression, **giving**. It is designed to be effective. It worked for our salvation.

Love requires an object, and love requires expression. “For God so loved the **world** that he **gave**...” (John 3:16). The **world** was love’s object, and **giving** was love’s expression. This love was not half-hearted or reluctant or “almost enough.” It was complete and more than adequate for all of the sins and sinners in this world. “But where sin increased, grace **increased all the more**...” (Romans 5:20).

In obeying these commands to love, we are to love as God loved. That is unconditional and without reserve or reluctance. We should **have** and **give** more love to the person needing love so that his need for love is satisfied. You may think that that is impossible. This person is so starved for love that to love him is like pouring water down a rat hole. You are convinced that you will run out of love before this love-starved person is satiated with it. This might be true if you are counting on his returning love to meet **your** needs. But if you get refilled by the Holy Spirit, you are never going to run out.

Now let us apply this principle to raising children. There are many different problems in raising children that require understanding and applying biblical principles. Here are a few of these problems.

1. Lack of obedience
2. Lack of effective discipline for disobedience
3. Lack of effective training and teaching
4. Sibling rivalry and jealousy
5. Attention-getting devices such as whining, crying, and tantrums
6. Signs of insecurity such as speaking loudly, warts, overweight, scratching, hitting, biting, picking at the body, and hand mannerisms.

Each of these subjects requires a book; in fact books have been written on each of these subjects. You have probably read some of them and implemented what you learned from the book, and, with some of you, what you applied did not work. It is easy to draw the conclusion that the book is wrong. The book may have been right, and your application may have been right. What event went wrong?

Here is the principle mentioned earlier. I will call it **saturation love**. Saturation love is different from adequate love, quality time, or quantity time. It includes the last two plus **undivided attention**. Saturation means that the maximum has been reached. A saturated solution means that the solvent cannot dissolve anymore solute. For example, if you continue to add and stir sugar into a glass of water, the water will eventually become saturated with sugar, meaning no more sugar will dissolve in it. After the saturation point, any additional sugar will fall to the bottom of the glass—the water **cannot** dissolve anymore.

It is the same with love. **It is possible** to saturate someone with love so that any additional love is not received. It is not rejected; it is just not needed.

Over the years I have asked audiences for a show of hands if they thought their parents loved them. Over 95% of the hands went up. It was never 100%, but it was always a high percentage. Then I asked this question of those who had raised their hands—“Do you think that your parents expressed this love to you **adequately**?” Only half of the hands remained up. The third question was: “Of those of you who think your parents expressed their love for you adequately, could you have used an even greater expression of love?” All of the hands remained up.

1. No love
2. Some love
3. Adequate love
4. **Even more love** is wanted

No one ever thought he received enough love from his parents. Their children will, if asked, say the same thing about them.

What are the results of not getting enough love? Disobedience is directly proportional to the shortfall in love.* Discipline for the disobedience, even if administered correctly, is not effective if the child is not loved enough. He thinks, "The last time I got any attention around here was the last time I got spanked." His disobedience becomes his means for getting attention. Therefore your training and teaching is ineffective if you are not giving your child enough love.

Sibling rivalry, competition, selfishness, and jealousy are inversely proportional to love toward your children. So when all of the kids are saturated with love, there is little or no rivalry, squabbles, or fights. The more love, the less whining, disobedience, and jealousy, and the less crying and tantrums. Also, the more love, the sooner the child will become a Christian.

"Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance?" (Romans 2:14)

God's means for leading us to repentance was to pour on the kindness and show us tolerance and patience even when we were sinners. How much more should we do this for our children.

What are our problems? We **do not want to give** hugs and attention to a whiner. We do not want to endorse bad behavior. That is true, but we are not endorsing bad behavior. We are curing it. This giving is not giving in to the child's dictations, but to his real need. His perception is more true than your perception. The "whiner" is asking for attention—loving attention. We will give a small baby attention when it cries. There may be nothing wrong; he is not hungry, wet, dirty, or sick; he just wants some loving. When the child is two or three or nine or ten and asks for attention, we do not want to give it. We do not think the child needs it. Believe me, if he asks for it, he needs it. When he is **saturated** he will quit asking. (On the other hand there are some children who need the attention but will **not demand** it. They need and receive even less than the *demand*. Because they are not demanding, you may think they are satisfied.)

Our problem is we run out of "give" before the child runs out of demand. We think he will **never** quit demanding our attention, so we quit giving it before we should quit. And if we kept on giving the attention, we'd find our child would get satisfied. The child will get full and consequently be very secure and ask for very little in the years to come. This security is of major importance in your child's obedience to you.

Many years ago there was a little boy who had warts on his left hand and arm. I think there were eighteen of them. He had had them for many months. One day his father asked him, "Johnny would you like me to pray to God to take away your warts?" Johnny replied, "No, they are my friends, I play with them." His father knew that these warts were evidence of the boy's insecurity and this insecurity was the result of the father himself not giving his son enough loving attention. The father made a decision and followed through with much loving attention. The warts disappeared in a very short time.

Many years ago I was close to a young family who had four pre-school boys, ages one, two, three, and four. One day the parents came to see me about their oldest son. He had two major problems that they did not seem able to correct. 1) He was hitting each of his little brothers all day long. He was corrected on each occurrence, either shouted at or spanked or both. 2) He had picked the skin off of his face in many places so that he had small red scabs all over his face. He looked like he had the measles. The spankings did not seem to work. Their question was obvious, "What do we do?" Although I took longer to say it than it takes for you to read this, the answer was as follows: "The next time the oldest hits a little brother, pick up the oldest and hug him." Her answer, "I don't want to reinforce that kind of conduct." "Don't worry, he already has gotten the message. Not only should you hug him the next time he hits his brother, I want you to hug him all day long. He hasn't gotten enough love since the second son was born, and now there are number three and number four. The only time he gets attention is when he is bad. So he hits little brother in order to get attention. He picks his face because he is insecure. I will guarantee that if you pour loving attention on him with overkill, his face will clear up and he will quit hitting his little brothers within two weeks." She said, "I don't think I can do that." "Why not?" "I don't even like him anymore." The parents confessed their sin and put this into effect. The predicted results came true.

A father with a very active 12-year-old son came for help. The son had had extensive discipline for misbehaving on small things and did not seem to have learned from the discipline. The son also had a difficult time getting along with his peers. The parents were giving a fair amount of love, attention, and time to the boy, but he still would not

receive correction or be repentant when spanked repeatedly. I told the father that he **could not pour on too much love**. The father, in desperation to see improvement, **poured on** the physical affection and **reduced** the constant verbal correction of minor things. The father then took the boy to a men's retreat where he held the son in his arms for the two-hour van ride there and back, plus holding the son during the speaking sessions. Upon their return home, the mother immediately recognized a change in the boy's attitude and his willingness to receive correction without pouting, as well as his desire to get along better with other children.

In years of asking questions and listening to answers, there is one answer that stands out. "I never heard my father admit that he was wrong about anything. In the meantime Mom knew he was wrong; we kids knew he was wrong; God knew he was wrong, and he himself knew it, but he would not admit it." This same statement may be true of some of you fathers whose children are grown and gone. You may be reading this and realize that you did not practice **saturation** love when they were growing up. In the meantime, they have had all kinds of problems. Others of you have children who are teenagers, not away from home, but not little "lovable" kids.

What can you do about it now? You can first confess to God **all** of your wrong actions such as overdiscipline, put-downs, ridicule, ignoring, yelling, anger, favoritism, lack of expressed love, etc. After this, you can write to each of your children expressing to them that which you have confessed to God. You can tell them you have confessed your actions and attitudes to God. You can also admit specific things that you remember. You can ask the children to bring to your attention things that they are **still** hurting about, just as **you** may still be hurting about how your father treated you. When they tell you, do **not** be defensive, just be sorry with a godly sorrow. "Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death" (2 Corinthians 7:10). Then express love to them in **many** ways. If your children are still with you, do the same, except it should be in person in addition to the letter. The letter is important because 1) you can get it all said without interruptions, 2) the letter will get read many times, and 3) the letter will be kept.

Remember, both sexes of children need much love from both sexes of parents. If you are divorced, then saturation love is more difficult, but still necessary. If you are competing for the love and loyalty of your children by putting down your former spouse or by buying your children's love, this is counterproductive. Not only is it less than saturation love, it is not love at all.

One of the best means of expressing love to your children is by **not** fighting with your spouse. It is a major cause of insecurity. If you do disagree, the children should **never** hear it. Suppose you already have a history of fighting or disagreeing with your spouse in front of the children. Confess your history to God, then to your spouse and your children, and then forsake the fighting.

** We know that the child is born with, and later practices, a sinful nature. This sinful nature is the **primary** reason for his disobedience. This changes at his conversion. Both before and after conversion his disobedience is affected by lack of love.*

*Found in **How to be Free from Bitterness**, copyright James I. Wilson. I found that when I give people the booklet, **How to Be Free from Bitterness**, and ask them to read the brief essay within it, **Saturation Love**, as an answer to their discipline situation with their children, most do not read it. However, if I give them only the Saturation Love essay, they read it and they and their children subsequently benefit from its wisdom. **How to Be Free from Bitterness** is available in print at www.canonpress.org and online at <http://mediadownload.radiantwebtools.com/communitychristianministries/Articles/Bitterness2010.pdf>*

Character	Habits/ ←Feelings	Thoughts ←	← Truth	Lie →	Thoughts →	Habits/ Feelings →	Character
Unselfish Good Deeds	Love	Forgiveness Bless Others Friendliness Support Others	God accepts me.	God rejects me.	Unforgiveness Resentment Bitterness Jealousy	Hatred	Murder
Zest for Life	Joy	Cheerfulness Hope Confidence Optimism	God will help me.	God won't help me.	Depression Despair Discouragement Disillusionment	Hopelessness	Suicide
Stability	Peace	Calmness Free of Care Clarity Contentment	God will take care of me.	God won't take care of me.	Nervousness Worry Anxiety Confusion Restlessness	Fear	Nervous Breakdown
God-ordained Steps	Longsuffering	Patience Selflessness Peacemaker Good-natured	God is working.	God isn't working.	Impatience Selfishness Disharmony Temper	Wrath	Violence
Winsome Personality	Gentleness (Kindness)	Empathy Courtesy Listener Flexibility	God's ways are best.	God's ways won't work.	Insensitivity Rudeness Arguing Stubbornness	Unreasonableness	Insanity
Healthy Relationships	Goodness	Purity Positive Creativity Not Beholding Evil Modesty	God can satisfy every need.	God cannot satisfy every need.	Filthy Thoughts Evil Imagination Flirting Seduction Pornography	Immorality	Perversity
Respected Leadership	Faith	Trust Faithfulness Decisiveness Vision Growth	God is trustworthy.	God isn't trustworthy.	Doubt Unreliability Indecision Ruttedness Backsliding	Unbelief	Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit
Exalted and Promoted by God	Meekness	Humility Devotion to God's Will Yielded Unity Teachable	God is King.	Man is independent.	Pride Selfish Ambition Lust for Power Controlling Divisiveness Unteachable	Domination	Witchcraft
Spiritual, Emotional, and Physical Health	Self-Control	Sobriety Controlled Diet Edifying Speech Content to mind own business Not Driven Action, not Reaction	I can choose to obey God.	I can't help it.	Drunkenness Drug Abuse Gluttony Gossip Slander Unrestrained Curiosity Compulsive Reaction to others' acts	Dissipation	Spiritual, Emotional, and Physical Death

Apply truth internally Sanctify the Holy Place

At the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, the matter shall be established. Deu 19:15b

When I feel rejected or bitter, I will build love

God accepts me Deu 7:6, Joh 6:37
God loves me Deu 23:5, Joh 3:16
God has forgiven mePsa 103:2-3, Eph 1:7
God wants me in His family Luk 13:34, Jam 4:5
God welcomes meLuk 15:20-24, 2 Cor 6:17
I am precious to GodExo 19:5, Mat 13:44-46
Yeshua is my friend Joh 15:13-17, Rev 3:20

When I feel depressed or without hope, I will build joy

God will help me Psa 46:1, Heb 4:16
God is with me Gen 28:15, Mat 28:20
God delights in me Psa 149:4, Zep 3:17
God will not forsake me Deu 31:8, Psa 9:10
God is not ashamed of me Isa 54:4-6, Heb 2:11
God wants and answers my prayers Psa 138:3, Mat 7:7
I can hope in YHVH Psa 42:5, Lam 3:21-24

When I feel afraid or confused, I will build peace

God will take care of me Psa 23, Mat 6:25-34
God will provide for me 2 Cor 9:8-10, Phi 4:19
God will protect and preserve me Job 10:12, Isa 43:2
God will shepherd and husband me Isa 40:11, Joh 10:1-16, 27-29
I need not fear 2 Kin 6:16, Psa 56:11
I can have stability of mind and emotions Isa 26:3, 2 Tim 1:7

When I feel impatient or angry, I will build patience

God is working Joh 5:17, Rom 8:28
God's timing is perfect Deu 32:4, Ecc 3:1
God is slow to anger Psa 145:8, Jon 4:2
God has a plan for my life Isa 64:8, Jer 29:11
God is my personal tutor Psa 119:102, Joh 14:26
I can wait on YHVH Psa 123:2, Isa 30:18

Apply truth internally Sanctify the Holy Place

When I feel stubborn or critical, I will build gentleness

God's ways are best 2 Sam 22:31, Hos 14:9
God is gentle and lowly in heart Psa 18:35, Mat 11:28-30
God is patient and longsuffering Exo 34:6, 2 Pet 3:9
God empathizes with me Job 36:5, Heb 2:17-18
God will comfort me Psa 119:76, Isa 40:1
God binds up the brokenhearted Psa 147:2-3, Eze 34:15-16

When I feel dissatisfied or covetous, I will build goodness

God will satisfy every need Psa 107:9, Jer 31:25
God is good 1 Chr 16:34, Nah 1:7
God is a generous giver of good things Deu 26:11, Psa 13:6
I can receive God's gifts Psa 24:5, Mat 10:8
I can be content in God alone Psa 34:10, Phi 3:8
God is worthy of my thanksgiving Lev 23:40, Neh 9:5b

When I feel indecisive or doubtful, I will build faith

God is trustworthy Psa 146:3-9, Isa 26:4
God is a faithful promise keeper Num 23:19, Jos 21:45
God is unchanging Mal 3:6, Jam 1:17
God's Word applies to me Act 2:39, Gal 3:29
God's Word is unfailing..... Psa 12:6-7, Isa 40:8
God's covenant is everlasting Deu 7:9, Heb 13:20-21

When I feel rebellious or prideful, I will build meekness

God is my King Psa 29:10, Psa 103:19
God created me for Himself Psa 100:3, Col 1:16
God is almighty Gen 17:1, Job 11:7-9
God is perfect in wisdom Psa 19:7-9, Dan 2:20
God's judgments are just Psa 32:4, Joh 5:30
I can humble myself before YHVH Pro 28:13, Mic 6:8

When I feel weak or compulsive, I will build self-control

I can choose to obey God Jos 24:15, Rom 6:16-18
God's boundaries are a blessing Deu 10:12-13, Pro 3:1-2
God has cleansed me of unrighteousness Isa 1:18, 1 Joh 1:9
God allows emotions 2 Sam 6:21, Joh 11:33-36
I can serve YHVH wholeheartedly Jos 24:14, Dan 3:17-18

Apply truth externally Sanctify the Outer Court

When I experience a demonic attack, I will remember that

Yeshua has overcome the enemy Joh 16:33, Col 2:15
Yeshua has given the believer authority Mar 16:17-18, Luk 10:19
There is power in the name and blood of Yeshua Phi 2:9-10, Rev 12:11
I can reign with Yeshua Eph 2:4-6, 2 Tim 2:11-13
I can receive wisdom from God Pro 2:6-7, Isa 50:4
God will strengthen me Isa 40:29-31, Phi 4:13

When I experience inherited trouble, I will remember that

I am God's child Gal 3:26, 1 Joh 3:1
I have an inheritance in Yeshua Rom 8:17, Gal 4:7
I am not cursed but blessed Num 6:24-26, Deu 23:5
I have inherited a generational blessing Gen 12:2-3, Deu 7:9
I can receive the Holy Spirit Luk 11:13, Joh 7:38-39

When I experience sickness, I will remember that

God will heal me Psa 107:20, Isa 53:4-5
I can have faith to receive healing Mar 5:34, Jam 5:14-15
I can have abundant life Eze 47:9, Joh 10:10
A spiritual root will bear its natural fruit Pro 17:22, Mat 7:16-20
All things are possible with God Jer 32:17, Mar 10:27

When I experience a house divided, I will remember that

God created men to be the strong man Gen 18:19, 1 Kin 2:1-3
God created women to be the fit helper Gen 2:18-22, Pro 31:10-31
I can have marital unity with joy Gen 2:24-25, Pro 5:18-19
I can honor my family members Exo 20:12 Rom 12:10
My household is called of God Act 16:31, 1 Cor 7:14-16
My children are destined to serve God Jer 31:15-17, Mat 19:14
God is my Father Isa 64:8, 2 Cor 6:18

When I experience trials with work, I will remember that

God is for me Psa 23:6, Rom 8:31
God will equip me Exo 35:30-31, 2 Cor 3:5-6
I can work as unto YHVH Eph 6:5-8, Col 3:17
I can rest without worry Exo 16:29, Mat 11:28-30
God will bless my labor Jer 31:16, 1 Cor 15:58

Apply truth externally Sanctify the Outer Court

When I experience another's enmity, I will remember that

The adversary is my real enemy Job 1:8-12, Eph 6:12
I can bless and love my enemies Pro 25:21-22, Mat 5:44-45
God will establish peace for me Psa 29:11, Pro 16:7
God will protect and restore my substance Joe 2:25, Mal 3:10-11
God will expose falsehood Luk 12:2, Eph 5:11
I can fear God and not man Psa 27:1, Isa 51:7
God will deliver me Psa 18:16, Isa 46:4

When I experience oppression, I will remember that

God will establish justice Psa 99:4, Jer 23:5
God is impartial Deu 10:17, Gal 2:6
God is my refuge from oppression Psa 9:9, Jer 16:19
God will empower me to be victorious Psa 60:12, Zec 4:6
God has regard for the vulnerable Psa 109:31, Jer 22:3
God will fight for me Exo 14:14, Deu 3:22

When I experience wickedness, I will remember that

God will triumph over the wicked Psa 68:1, 146:9
Idolatry falls before YHVH 1 Sam 5:1-4, Isa 21:9
God has set me apart from the nations Lev 20:26, Num 23:8-9
I can shine God's light Isa 60:1, Mat 5:14-16