

Showing Mercy To My Family

Psalm 101:2 (TLB) ² I will try to walk a blameless path, but how I need your help, especially in my own home, where I long to act as I should.

How merciful am I to my family? Quiz

When they get details wrong during a story, do I

_____ Interrupt them and correct them publicly?

_____ Say nothing and let it go, knowing I've done the same?

When they keep making the same mistake over and over, do I

_____ Become irritated & angry at them?

_____ Graciously forgive them and pray for them?

When they are getting more attention than I think they deserve, do I

_____ Feel resentful & feel the need to bring them down a notch?

_____ Celebrate with them?

When they say or do something I do not understand, do I

_____ Assume they have the best motivation for doing it?

_____ Question their motivation or think the worst?

I am more polite with complete _____ than my own _____?

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NLT2) ⁴ Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud ⁵ or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. ⁶ It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. ⁷ Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

Four Ways To Show Mercy At Home

1. By _____ irritations and _____.

1 Corinthians 13:5 (GW) ⁵ Love ... isn't irritable. It doesn't keep track of wrongs.

1 Thessalonians 5:15 (MSG) ¹⁵ And be careful that when you get on each other's nerves you don't snap at each other. Look for the best in each other, and always do your best to bring it out.

2. By being _____ when they don't _____ it or need it.

1 Corinthians 13:4,7 (CEV) ⁴ Love is kind and patient ... ⁷ Love is always supportive ...

Proverbs 19:11 (NIV) ¹¹ A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.

1 Thessalonians 5:15 (CEV) ¹⁵ Don't be hateful to people, just because they are hateful to you. Rather, be good to each other and to everyone else.

3. By letting _____ of _____ hurts.

1 Corinthians 13:5 (CEV) Love ... doesn't keep a record of wrongs that others do.

1 Corinthians 13:5 (TLB) ⁵ Love is not rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges ...

4. By _____ God is _____ in the lives of others.

1 Corinthians 13:7 (NIV) Love ... always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.