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This month's quotes are all about PARENTHOOD. I hope you will find them inspirational and helpful!

“Wyatt [my adopted son] is definitely all mine. Little souls find their way to you whether they're from your womb or someone else's.”

—Sheryl Crow

“Children are people, and they should have to reach to learn about things, to understand things, just as adults have to reach if they want to grow in mental stature. Life is composed of lights and shadows, and we would be untruthful, insincere, and saccharine if we tried to pretend there were no shadows. Most things are good, and they are the strongest things; but there are evil things too, and you are not doing a child a favor by trying to shield him from reality. The important thing is to teach a child that good can always triumph over evil.”

—Walt Disney Company



“You know your children are growing up when they stop asking you where they came from and refuse to tell you where they're going.”

—P.J. O'Rourke

“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.”

—Jane D. Hull

“Your children are the greatest gift God will give to you, and their souls the heaviest responsibility He will place in your hands. Take time with them, teach them to have faith in God. Be a person in whom they can have faith. When you are old, nothing else you've done will have mattered as much.”

—Lisa Wingate



“It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.”

—Frederick Douglass

“Listen earnestly to anything [your children] want to tell you, no matter what. If you don’t listen eagerly to the little stuff when they are little, they won’t tell you the big stuff when they are big, because to them all of it has always been big stuff.”

—Catherine M. Wallace



“When you hold your baby in your arms the first time, and you think of all the things you can say and do to influence him, it’s a tremendous responsibility. What you do with him can influence not only him, but everyone he meets and not for a day or a month or a year, but for time and eternity.”

—Rose Kennedy

“I think that the best thing we can do for our children is to allow them to do things for themselves, allow them to be strong, allow them to experience life on their own terms, allow them to take the subway...let them be better people, let them believe more in themselves.”

—C. JoyBell C.

“A mother understands what a child does not say.”

—Jewish proverb

“The soul is healed by being with children.”

—Fyodor Dostoyevsky

“Your kids require you most of all to love them for who they are, not to spend your whole time trying to correct them.”

—Bill Ayers



“My mom and dad gave their kids the greatest gift of all—the gift of unconditional love. They cared deeply about who we would be, and much less about what we would do.”

—Mitt Romney

“Your children are not your children.
They are sons and daughters of Life’s longing for itself.
They come through you but not from you.
And though they are with you, yet they belong not to you.

You may give them your love but not your thoughts,
For they have their own thoughts.
You may house their bodies but not their souls,
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.
You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you.
For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.
You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth.
The archer sees the make upon the path of the infinite, and He bends you with His might that His arrows may go swift and far.
Let your bending in the archer’s hand be for gladness.
For even as He loves the arrow that flies, so He also loves the bow that is stable.”

—Kahlil Gibran

