



# Love Never Fails

Of all the things your children learn as you teach them at home, one thing is most important: they learn that you love them. Newspaper reporters once interviewed a group of home-school children and asked them, “Don’t you want to go back to regular school?” There was silence. “Nobody wants to go back to school?” Again, silence. “OK,” he continued, “do you know any home-schooling friends who have gone back to school?” One hand went up, and a home-schooler replied, “My friend went back to school. He didn’t want to, but his parents said it was too much work for them.”

Loving your children can be shown in many ways: by your sacrificing your time and energy in sowing into their lives; in your daily caring for each of their physical, spiritual, and educational needs; and through your prayers for them. Often times when you give and give of yourself and don’t see immediate fruit or receive gratitude in response, it is natural to experience discouragement. Maybe your children don’t understand or appreciate the fact that your entire life is given to their care and training right now, and you may be wondering if home-schooling is really for you. But, I urge you to consider the fruit that your child’s life will be bearing in another ten years. The quality of that fruit will have everything to do with those influencing his or her young years. You love your children, and that creates quality education in itself. You want them to learn the best and most - as you pray for them and provide the proper environment, they surely will.

Many of you are familiar with the scripture verses in 1 Corinthians 13. There is a bold statement in that passage that declares, “LOVE NEVER FAILS.” Do you remember the descriptive adjectives of love? It suffers long... beareth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Are you suffering long, bearing and enduring much? Let your heart take courage and hope in the Lord! It is all a part of loving with a love that won’t fail. Of all of the grand works you could do, simple love is the greatest.

Our parents prayed that the Lord would teach us and lead us as young people. They obeyed the Lord when He called them to homeschool us, and we testify that He has been faithful to them. God led each of us into a different pursuit: Christa loves advanced math and foreign languages, and I love music. Although both mom and dad are well-educated in other areas, these were subjects that they had to let God teach us as their giftings were not necessarily there. Mom and Dad loved us, prayed for us, and taught us everything the very best they could. They also taught us the best and most important key: “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally...and it shall be given him.” (James 1:5)

We often declare, “God taught us!” And so He has. He used our parents who love us to do so. When they didn’t know what to do next, they asked Him. He always had a wonderful solution to give them which was truly the best answer in the end!

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