

Should I Ever Ignore My Child's Sin?

I. "Love covers a multitude of sins." - What it Doesn't Mean

- Nowhere in Scripture are Christians told that love *ignores* sin. In fact, the number of passages that would blatantly contradict that concept are prevalent. As a parent, it is nothing short of laziness or fear that makes us turn a blind eye to our children's disobedience. When we choose not to address our children's sin, we're doing them a huge disservice - we're not loving them. Now, I'm not saying that there always has to be consequences or a lecture or a memory program. But since we will never accidentally glorify God in our parenting, I am saying that we need to be purposeful in how we deal with our kids' sinful choices. It may involve waiting, but it will never involve ignoring.

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- No Psalm 85:2 "You **forgave** the iniquity of Your people; You **covered** all their sin."
- Romans 4:7 "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been **forgiven**, and whose sins have been **covered**."
- James 5:20 "Let him know that he who **turns a sinner from the error of his way** will save his soul from death and will **cover** a multitude of sins."
- The three passages above are, in fact, reminding us that the most loving and Christ-honoring thing we can do in the face of our children's sin is to have a spirit of *forgiveness*. This interpretation is highly supported by numerous passages.
 - Therefore, don't ever feel responsible to ignore sin. Ever.
 - Instead, in a spirit of love and forgiveness, speak to your child about his standing before God in an attempt to find reconciliation.
 - Rebuking, reproving, and admonishing can be the most loving things a parent can do when they're done with the right attitude of love and restoration.
- Remember our theme verse. Ephesians 4:15 "But speaking the **truth in love**, we are to grow up **in** all aspects **into** Him who is the head, *even Christ*,"