

# The Mother/Son Relationship

## (Being His First Example)

The Mother/Son relationship is beautiful. The writer Ralph Waldo Emerson states,

**“Men are what their mothers make them.”**

In most cases this statement is very true. Mothers have a significant impact on their sons to the extent that the way they behave in later years is attributed to their relationship with their mother. No other person understands her son better than a mother. From the time before he is born until his adult years, a boy nurtures a deep rooted-bond with his mom. The relationship is imperative for the overall development and emotional well-being of the child.

Objectives:

- To teach the importance of a healthy Mother/Son relationship.
- To point out ways to help foster a healthy relationship.

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## Mother/Son Relationship Evolves Over Years

### **Five (5) Stages of Mother/Son Relationship**

- Infancy/Attachment (0-2 years)
- Toddler/Exploration (2-4 years)
- School Age/Identity Formation (5-12 years)
- Adolescence/Separation (13-19 years)
- Adulthood/Friendship (20 and beyond)

### **Human Growth/ Development**

- The bond begins in the womb.
- Sons pick up emotions from mother.
- Mothers should continue to nurture as child grows. (“Bring the up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord “ Ephesians 6:4b)

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## Teenagers

- This is when boys struggle with a lot of changes.
- Mothers should communicate openly with their sons.
- Explain the worldly system to help them differentiate between good and bad.

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### **Out of Wedlock Births 2023**

- Chile (75.1 percent)

### **Out of Wedlock Births 2023**

- United States (40.5 percent)



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### Christian Order of the Family

I Corinthians 11:2

“But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ: and the head of the woman is the man.”

Christ  
Man  
Woman



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# Adolescence



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# Importance of A Healthy Mother/Son Relationship

Teen boys who develop healthy relationships with their mothers tend to have:

1. Less behavior problems in later life
2. Perform better in school
3. Better mental health
4. Less risky behavior(alcohol, drugs, sex)
5. More success in later life



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**Use What's in Your  
Toolbox**

Remain Prayerful

Alert to Changes in  
Friendships

Alert to Changes in Activities  
Seek Help as Soon as Possible



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### Men

Workplace Participation

July 2023

68.0 percent

### Women

Workforce Participation

July 2023

57.4 percent



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- Promote and Explain the Order of Life
  - Education
  - Workforce Experience
  - Prepare for Marriage
  - Become Financially Secure
  - Marriage (optional)

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### Father Discipline



### Mother Discipline



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**Police Brutality**



**VS**

**Black on Black Crime**



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Mother's go on  
but their hearts  
bear the scars of  
“what could I  
have done  
differently”





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### TIPS for a Great Relationship

#### Between Mother-in Law and Daughter-in-Law

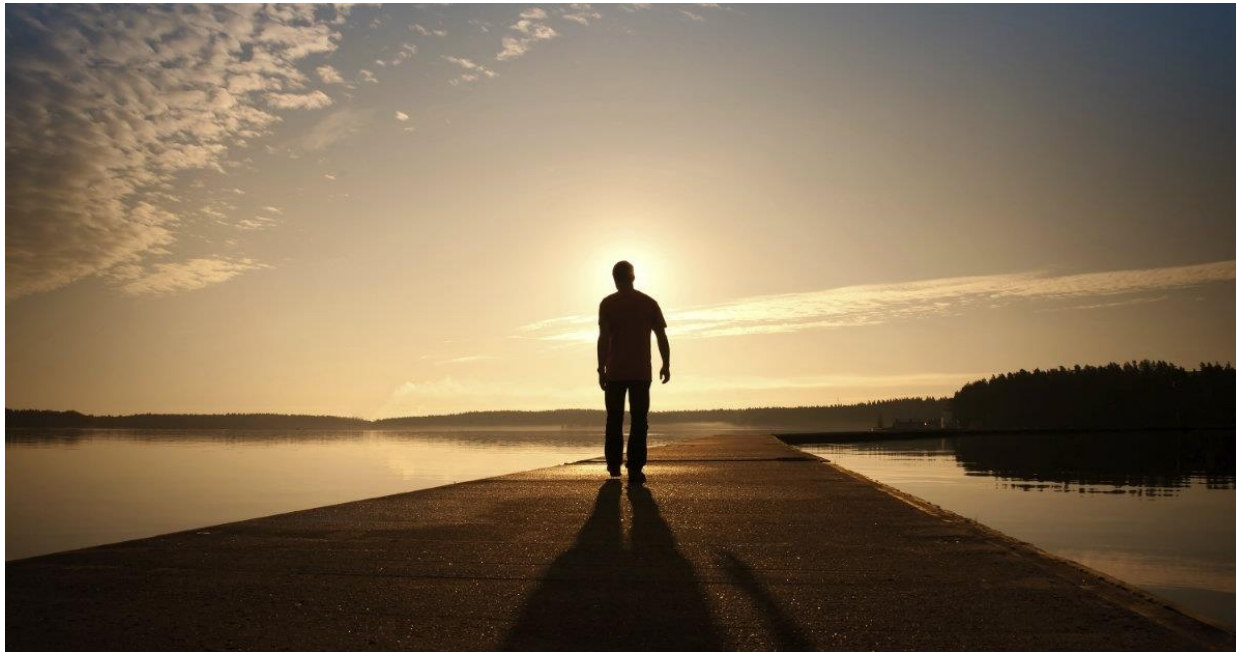
1. Treat your daughter-in-law like your own daughter
2. Don't Make Everything About You (Mother)
3. Find a way to praise and thank
4. Help as much as you can (Ask First)
5. Choose connection over control
6. Accept and Respect Change



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Adult Children

“When It’s Time to Let Go”



# Pray Without Ceasing

1Thessalonians 5:17

## Ephesians 1:17-19

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## Colossians 1:9-14

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## Psalms 91



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Seven Tips  
for a  
Better Mother/Son Relationship

# 1. Acknowledge the Things He Does:

1. Things he accomplished on his own.
2. Things he accomplished though guidance.



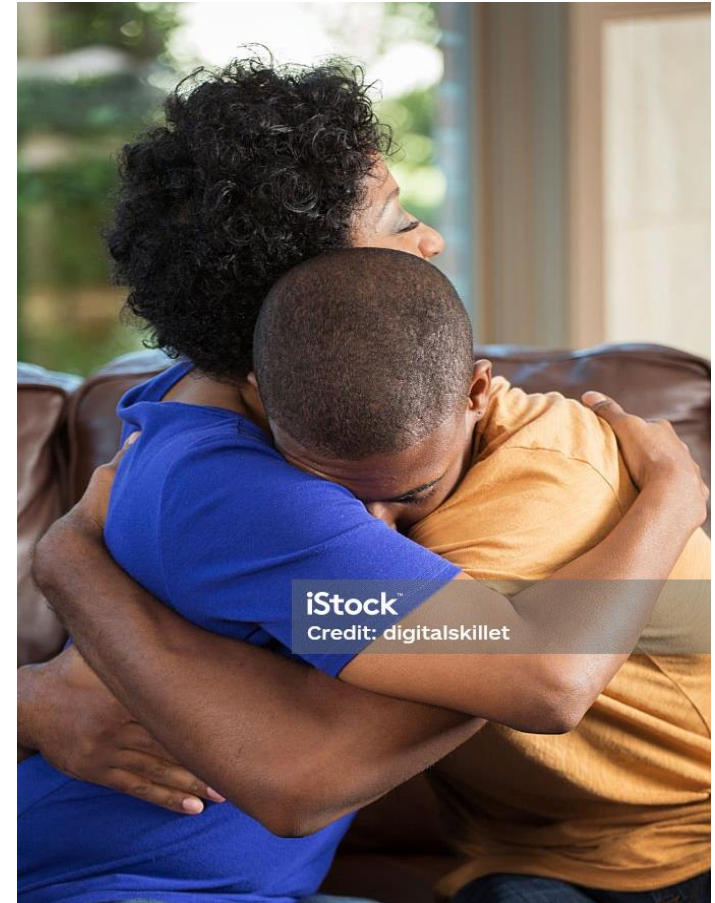
## 2. Tell him You Love Him-A Lot

1. He appreciates it even if he doesn't say it.
2. When he is obedient and disobedient.



### 3. Reciprocate

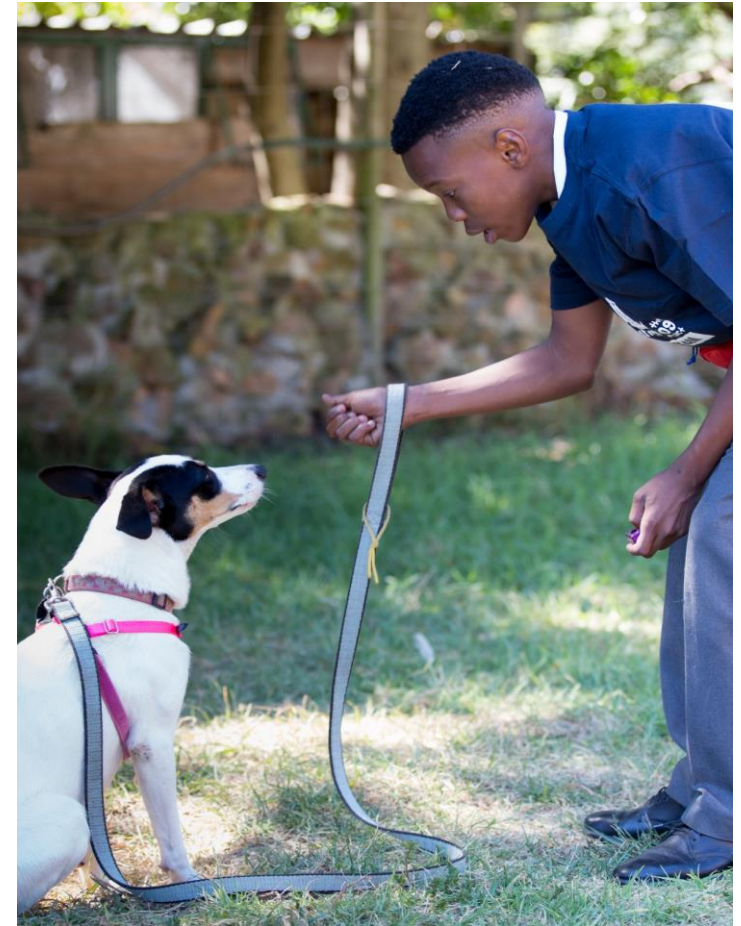
Return the hugs, kisses and compliments.





## 4. Build Him Up

Remind him that the skillful things that he learn today, will be helpful in the future.



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## 5. Remind Him that You are There for Him

At any time:

- Be a good listener
- Encourage him
- Help him solve problem





## 6. Keep it Short and Sweet-Don't Nag

1. Reminding is a gentle nudge.
2. Nagging is demanding and often demeaning.



## 7. Give Him Some Freedom

Rearing sons can be compared with flying a kite.

Just as you give the kite more string to go higher, you give your son more freedom to make choices for his life.



# Conclusion

Soon your kite will be out of sight so will your son, but he will remember the---

