

# The 8 Secrets of Influencing the heart

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## Time

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### THE LAW OF TIME:

The more you spend time with your children – [friends, and disciple], the more you can influence them.

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**Mark 3:14** - And He appointed twelve, so that they could be **with Him** and He could send them out.

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- For children, **love** is spelled “T-I-M-E”
- Do what they **like** to do, not always what you like to do.
- View time as an **investment**.
- Be **available**.
- Look for **magic moments**.

# Time

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## **Magic Moments:**

Times when they open up to you

Times when they invite you into their inner life

Times when they like to listen

You have to seize the moment when it comes.

The more time you spend together, the more magic moments you will experience.

# Time

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## **Myth of no time**

Time is a function of priorities

Priority is dependent on values

**Values impact our choices**

	Urgent	Not urgent
Important	<b>Q1</b> Crisis Deadline-driven projects Commitments	<b>Q4</b> Mentoring Family Rest Exercise
Not important	<b>Q2</b> Interruptions Meetings Invitations	<b>Q3</b> Social Media Gaming TV/Netflix



## **Practical Application**

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- **Involve them in your schedule (exercise, business, hobby, ministry , shopping).**
- **Meal time**
- **Fun time together**
- **Find ways to eliminate “non-essential schedules”.**
- **Touch their heart daily.**

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

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1. **How do you spend time with your family and loved ones?**
2. **What are the things you can do together?**
3. **What will you start doing and stop doing to spend more time with your family and loved ones?**

# The 8 Secrets of Successful Parenting

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## Intimacy

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### THE LAW OF INTIMACY:

The closer the **relationship**,  
the greater the **influence**.

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### THE LAW OF INTIMACY:

**1 Corinthians 15:33** - Do not be deceived:  
“Bad company corrupts good morals.”

## Intimacy

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- Biological relationship does not guarantee good relationship.
- The power of influence is proportionate to the closeness of the relationship.

## Intimacy

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The closer children are to their parents, the **less** they are influenced by their peers and vice-versa.

**“ Relationship is the key to influence.”**

## Relationships and Obedience

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Rules without relationships  
leads to **rebellion**

## Relationships and Belief

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Truth without relationships  
leads to rejection.

## Relationships and Values

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They will eventually oppose our values if  
they do not have good relationship with  
us.



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**“When did your child fall in love with you?  
If you do not have their hearts, you will not  
have their minds.”**

Dr. Gordon Neufeld, a foremost child developmental &  
clinical psychologist from Canada

## **Practical Application**

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- **Date your children.**
- **Do fun things together.**
- **Know their interest and what they like**
- **Resolve conflicts.**
- **Ask for forgiveness**

## **RESTORING RELATIONSHIP**

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- **Wounded spirit**
- **Be sensitive – withdraw , avoid , critical**
- **Initiate**
- **Be Humble**

## RESTORING RELATIONSHIP

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- Ask 3 questions:
  - How can I improve?
  - How have I hurt you?
  - Will you forgive me?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Apply the following three most important questions in restoring relationships:

1. How can I improve?
2. How have I hurt you?
3. Will you please forgive me?