



A Student's Request of His Teacher

- ⇒ Don't be afraid to be firm with me. I prefer it; it makes me feel more secure.
- ⇒ Don't make me feel smaller than I am. It only makes me behave stupidly "big".
- ⇒ Don't correct me in front of others if you can help it. I'll take much more notice if you talk quietly with me in private.
- ⇒ Don't make me feel my mistakes are sins. It upsets my sense of values.
- ⇒ Don't protect me from consequences. I need to learn the painful way sometimes.
- ⇒ Don't take too much notice of my complaints. Sometimes they get me the attention I need.
- ⇒ Don't nag. If you do so, I'll protect myself by appearing deaf.
- ⇒ Don't make rash promises. Remember, I feel badly let down when promises are broken.
- ⇒ Don't forget that I cannot explain myself as well as I'd like. This is why I am not always very accurate.
- ⇒ Don't tax my honesty too much. I'm easily frightened into telling lies.
- ⇒ Don't be inconsistent with me. That completely confuses me and makes me lose faith in you.
- ⇒ Don't put me off when I ask questions. If you do, I'll stop asking and seek information elsewhere. Then I'm labeled a "behavior problem".
- ⇒ Don't label me. For whatever you think of me, there'll be a tendency for me to become.
- ⇒ Don't ever suggest that you're perfect or infallible. It gives me too great a shock when I discover that you are neither.
- ⇒ Don't tell me my fears are silly. They're terribly real and you can do much to reassure me if you try to understand.
- ⇒ Don't think it's beneath your dignity to apologize to me. An honest apology makes me feel surprisingly warm toward you.
- ⇒ Don't forget I love experimenting. I couldn't get on without it, so please put up with it.
- ⇒ Don't forget I can't strive without lots of understanding and love, but I don't need to tell you, do I?



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