Don't Make Me Count To Three
Do you find yourself threatening, repeating your instructions, or raising your voice in an attempt to get your children to obey? Are you discouraged because it seems you just can’t reach the heart of your child? Through personal experience and the practical application of Scripture, Ginger Hubbard encourages and equips moms to reach past the outward behavior of their children and dive deeply into the issues of the heart. Ginger’s candid approach will help moms move beyond the frustrations of not knowing how to handle issues of disobedience and into a confident, well-balanced approach to raising their children.

**Synopsis**

Contrary to other reviews this is not a book about spanking. Nor is it a book about being a dictator. Plowman has written a useful and helpful book that deals as much with the parent’s attitude as it does with the child’s. It is a balanced book. She frequently highlights and underlines failures of parents to be loving and God-centred in their raising of their children. And she is humble enough to illustrate these failures from her own experience. It is balanced also in that it recognises the need to react differently with different children and with different ages of children - for her there is no ‘one rule fits all’ thinking. It is a practical book. It is an ideal companion to Ted Tripp’s “Shepherding a Child’s Heart”. I felt Tripp’s book was light on practical examples, but Plowman redresses that with many illustrations of what to do and what not to do. It is a heart-oriented book. Her approach is not simply to correct the behaviour, but to get to the roots of the behaviour which lie in the heart. It’s relatively easy to create a little automaton who will obey out of fear or reward, and then rebel when
your back is turned. Plowman is not interested in such an approach. She seeks to get to the heart - and often that means dealing with your own heart first. It is a biblical book. As a pastor I dislike intensely seeing verses quoted out of context. Contrary to other reviews Mrs Plowman does not do this. Instead she shows every evidence that she understands the context. But more importantly she calls parents to act not as they find easiest, nor in a way that is comfortable to them, but in the way God requires. It is also a direct book.

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