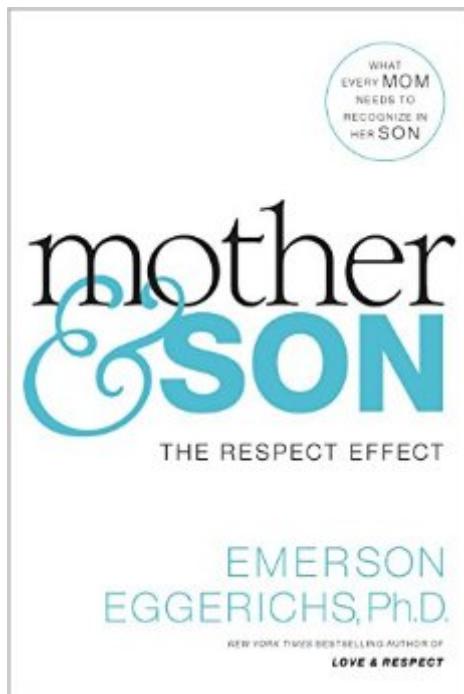


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# Mother And Son: The Respect Effect



## **Synopsis**

Love is important, but it is respect that is the key to your sonâ™s heart. The idea of moms respecting their sons may sound alien to some, but it seems to ignite curiosity across the board. It is easy to relate to the need for all of us to feel a motherâ™s love, but is that the same thing as respect? Even for young boys, the effect of respect is nothing short of astounding when applied properly. Moms yearn to learn anything that better helps them with their sons. After all, they love their boys, but many find them more difficult to parent than their girls, especially from age four and up. What makes this all the more urgent is that moms are coaching fathers to love their daughters, but no one has said boo to moms on specific ways to show respect to their sons, at least not in a way that is applicable and fully explained. All realize that little girls need daddyâ™s love, but who is strongly promoting the truth that little boys (and big ones) need Mom's respect? No wonder mothers feel left in the dark on this topic. Just as Emerson Eggerichs transformed millions of marital relationships with a biblical understanding of love and respect, he now turns these principles to one of the most important relationships of all, a mother and her son.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I am really torn about whether I like this book or not. I'm really leaning more towards loving it than hating it, but I wanted to lay both sides out in my review. What I love: Everything in this book is spot on. The message is biblical, sound, and everything I needed to hear. Chapters 5-10 gave specific examples for how to handle all sorts of different situations with both younger and older boys. This was the most helpful part of the book for me. And I will probably reference it again and again. What I

didn't love: How could I not love a book that was spot on and just what I needed? It was mainly the writing style. I felt like the author was talking down to moms as if we couldn't understand the need of our sons to be respected. Which was in fact the entire reason I wanted to read this book. I knew my boys needed respect, I just don't always know how to flesh it out. After reading just two chapters of this book I was ready to toss it out. I remember telling my husband that for an author who made such great points, he didn't know much about communicating. I felt put down. Some of the ways he recommended using "respect-talk" towards our sons would have had my 13-year old thinking I was mocking him. However, after pressing on, it got much, much better. The other thing I didn't really care for was all of the success stories. I get that his system works and he knows what he's talking about, but I really felt like the first 4 chapters (and maybe the last 4) were mainly stories of how awesome the respect effect is, but not really helpful to the reader. Bottom line: If you have read books by Emerson Eggerichs before and enjoyed them, I would highly recommend this one. If you haven't read any of his books before, I would still recommend reading this book, but if you are put off by the beginning, maybe start at chapter 5. It's totally worth it.

The book has information that is valuable, yet something about it just grated on me as I read it. There seemed to be more than a hint of condescension in the tone when addressing mothers. I thought perhaps I was taking it too personally since I have been aware for decades about the male need for respect, even in little boys. The author kept trying to say how women think to the point I could almost believe I am not female. People, both male and female, are individuals with varying traits. So, to be fair, my annoyance may have colored my reaction to the book. The word RESPECT is vital to the book but was also overused. Much of the suggested dialogue between a mother and son was stilted, but did give good suggestions and outlines. I come from a different generation, so my experiences may be different than that of a young mom raising a child today. So, this could be a valuable resource for those who are unfamiliar with the male need for respect. And, I know several women who think like the author assumes all women think. Don't get me wrong---there is nothing wrong with those thoughts and personalities, they just aren't universal. And, I am certain that no offense was intended in the writing, especially since Dr. Eggerichs specializes in the importance of showing respect to others. I am sure many will also find the success stories encouraging. Letting your son (and all males in your family) know that you love them is important, too, but letting them know you respect them is essential. I received a copy of this book for review purposes from Icon Media Group. All opinions are my own.

While a great deal of the book seems geared toward mothers with young sons, based on the idea of starting to use these techniques from birth, more or less, I still found a great deal of useful information for me as the mother of an adult son. Although I tell him on a regular basis that I love him, and that I'm proud of him for this or that, I don't know that I have ever let him know, in so many words, that I respect him. After reading this book, I have already thought of things I respect about him which I can let him know at various times. The book is well-written and informative. The information is laid out in easy to read, easy to understand language, and the amount of research put into the subject is obvious. While I looked at the book mainly from the mother-son perspective, I can also see it being beneficial in a marital relationship, because husbands need to feel respected just as much as sons. I can see this being a resource I consult many times in the future--for my husband, my son, and my young grandsons. \*\*I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. All thoughts and opinions are entirely my own.\*\*

MOTHER & SON: THE RESPECT EFFECT is a book that seems to be spot-on, biblically. I have two sons, both young adults. One son is honest and trustworthy, makes wise decisions, thinks things through and behaves maturely. The other is impulsive, easily led to make bad decisions by his friends, and is floating through life unemployed more than employed, homeless more often than not, and well, sigh. It is so easy to respect the one and not the other. MOTHER & SON has shown me that just as I need to respect my husband I also need to respect the son that is more of a trial. I am trying to be more respectful in my comments toward him and will try to remember to try to calm disagreements with the words, "I am not trying to disrespect you..." and see if Dr. Eggerichs' advice there works. I read the book, hoping for some wise nuggets and there are a lot, but I feel that most of the book is geared toward mothers of boys, not mothers of men. It probably would've been more beneficial to me if I'd read it when my son was five, maybe, instead of twenty-five. But there are still things I learned, and will be putting into effect immediately. The first five chapters are mostly testimonials, the last five chapters are more testimonials. Recommended. The introduction is more of a sales pitch than an intro. But he is right. Males are different than females. And we need to respect those differences and be more understanding and respectful when the male responds differently than the female wants him to

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