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- HOW TO RAISE YOUR CHILDREN -

TO BE JUVENILE DELINQUENTS

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TO BE CHRISTIANS

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1. Begin with infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way he will grow up believing the world owes him a living.
2. When he picks up "bad" or "dirty" words, laugh at him. That will make him think he is "cute." He will run off and pick up some words that will blow the top off your head.
3. Never give him any spiritual training until he is 21, and then let him decide for himself. By the same logic, never teach him the English language, maybe when he is old enough he will want to speak Bantu.
4. Praise him in the presence of all the neighbors; show how much smarter he is than all the neighbors' children.
5. Avoid the use of the word "wrong." It may develop in the child a "guilt complex." This will prepare him to believe that when he is punished later on for stealing cars that society is "against him" and that he is being "persecuted."
6. Pick up everything after him; his shoes, his socks, his clothes. Do everything for him, so that he will be experienced in throwing burdens on others.
7. Let him read anything he wants. Have no concern whatever for what goes into his mind. Provide him with Lily cups for his lips but let his brain drink out of a dirty container for words and ideas.

1. "Parents, you should commence your first lesson of discipline when your children are babes in your arms."

--Child Guidance, p. 230

2. "Parents who permit the use of unbecoming language are more worthy of blame than their children. Impertinence should not be tolerated in a child even once. But fathers and mothers, uncles and aunts and grandparents laugh at the exhibition of passion in the little creature of a year old."

--Ibid., pp. 288, 289

3. "In childhood the mind is readily impressed and molded, and it is then that boys and girls should be taught to love and honor God."

--Ibid., p. 486

4. "Give children but little notice. Let them learn to amuse themselves. Do not put them on exhibition before visitors as prodigies of wit or wisdom, but leave them as far as possible to the simplicity of their childhood."

--Ibid., pp. 37, 38

5. "It is impossible to depict the evil that results from leaving a child to its own will. . . . The blunders of untrained, undisciplined childhood become the inheritance of manhood and womanhood. The perverted intellect can scarcely discern between the true and the false."

--Ibid., p. 274

6. "Study how to teach the children to be thoughtful of others. The youth should be early accustomed to submission, self-denial, and regard for others' happiness."

--Ibid., p. 133

7. "Unless you restrain your thoughts, your reading, and your words, your imagination will become hopelessly diseased. Read your Bible attentively, prayerfully, and be guided by its teachings. This is your safety."

--Ibid., p. 465

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8. Quarrel frequently in the presence of your children. In this way they will be prepared for broken homes later on.

9. Give him all the spending money he wants; never let him earn his own.

10. Satisfy every craving of the child for food, drinks, and everything that has to do with the sense of taste and touch, gratify his every sensual desire.

11. Take his part against policemen and neighbors. They are all prejudiced against your child.

12. When he gets into real trouble, always defend YOURSELF and say, "I never could do anything with him."

8. "Neither infants, children, nor youth should hear an impatient word from father, mother, or any member of the household; for they receive impressions very early in life, and what parents make them today, they will be tomorrow, and the next day, and the next."

--Ibid., p. 193

9. "Let us teach the little ones to help us while their hands are small and their strength is slight. Let us impress upon their minds the fact that labor is noble."

--Ibid., p. 127

10. "Parents will have much to answer for in the day of accounts because of their wicked indulgence of their children. Many gratify every unreasonable wish, because it is easier to be rid of their importunity in this way than in any other. A child should be so trained that a refusal would be received in the right spirit and accepted as final."

--Ibid., p. 273

11. "Blind parental affection is the greatest obstacle in the way of the proper training of children."

--Ibid., p. 235

"Do not allow your children to see that you take their word before the statements of older Christians. You cannot do them a greater injury."

--Ibid., p. 273

12. "Rebellion is too frequently established in the hearts of children, through the wrong discipline of the parents, when if a proper course had been taken, the children would have formed good and harmonious characters."

--Ibid., p. 237