



# Growing Happy Children

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## Igniting Responsibilities

Hark, each soul granted the grace of earthly existence deserves a life's purpose. Is it not the sacred duty of parents to guide their offspring towards their destined calling?

We are born into this vale of tears, and a life's work awaits us. Therefore, the responsibility falls upon us to foster in those born unto us a deep understanding of their duties and responsibilities.

One particular admonition, a beacon of inspiration, continues to illuminate my pedagogy regarding children's education. A captivating illustration in a child's book, indelibly impressed upon my memory, continues to serve as a worthy example for my own offspring.

This illustrative vignette depicts a mother and child beside a bustling thoroughfare, wherein a street-cleaner engages their gaze; the book's myriad possible depictions of this event offers several scenarios.

Hark, choices of response.

The First Option Presenteth;

A. The Mother Permitteth Her Child To Affront The Street-Sweeper.

B. The Mother Bestoweth Upon Her Child Coin To Bestow Upon The Street-Sweeper.

C. The Mother Offereth Assistance Unto The Street-Sweeper Forthwith.

D. The Mother Asketh Her Child, "Son, What Deemest Thou We Might Do To Succour That Person?"

E. The Mother Asketh Her Child, "Son, Canst Thou Make The Life Around Thee Better For Folk Such As They When Thou Art Grown?"

The Choice Doth Rest With Thee As A Parent, Which One Shall Be Applied Each Time That Ye Journey And Teachest Thy Child Divers Essential Things Concerning Life, With Children.

## HOW TO SPEAK TO ONE'S OFFSPRING

Hath it come to your notice that all children diligently note every word and sentence uttered by their parents? Even for many decades to come in their terrestrial sojourn?

Paternal and maternal figures often harbour the sentiment that their offspring do not give heed to their pronouncements. In truth, the precise opposite is the case.

Every utterance, mien, expression, inflection, word, attitude, expression, intonation, even the face of the parent when facing the child, even the countenance of the parent when regarding the child, will be retained throughout their existence. Until it forms an experience that abides and leaves a profoundly indelible imprint.

A well-chosen phrase from a parent, should an unpleasant visage accompany it, is of no effect.

## Visual Communication

The paramount aspect recorded by children is visual memory. Children do not retain many of the precise words from their parents, particularly when accompanied by a series of rebukes or demands.

What they do recall are the expressions upon their parents' faces when dispensing counsel. The affection of parents is reflected in the palpable expressions they convey.

What children perceive is the direct consequence of their reception of sound, sight, and feeling.

Children's perceptions of their parental communicators, or councilors, cannot be artificially affected.

We may gild our counsel with the most honeyed phrases. Or provide children with gifts of great material worth. But, if the child senses even a hint of insincerity, a lack of genuine affection, then no measure, however elaborate, can make amends.

## Reciprocal Sincerity

By virtue of a mutual sincerity, parents' hearts must be demonstrably affectionate. Should a parent's affection be deficient, children will discern the lack. Even amidst outward demonstrations of care, a parent's imposition of their will, for personal gain, will be perceived by the child.

Henceforth, instruct your children in the art of self-preservation. Equip them with the fortitude to resist and cry out against the malice of evil-minded individuals who may seek to harm them.

Further, cultivate in your children the wisdom to recognize the pernicious nature and insidious attitudes of those who would do ill. This instruction is not intended to engender animosity or propagate suspicion, but rather to foster a keen awareness of potential dangers and empower them with the ability to protect themselves from a diverse range of potential transgressions.

## Developing Self Strength

### Fortifying the Child's Spirit

It behoves us to instruct our offspring in the art of resilience, to equip them with the strength to contend with life's trials, to fortify their resolve, and to enhance their self-preservation.

May we guide the young through exercises of self-improvement, supported by the wisdom and counsel of those around them.

Let us shield our children from potential harm, whatever the circumstances, lest we later lament the unforeseen consequences that might befall them.

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## Growing Self Reliance

Hark, if any deficiency doth still trouble the tender heart of a child, then must we endeavour to fortify their self-assuredness. By offering succour to one another, even before any perceived need, we shall discern more readily the shortcomings of our offspring.

Thereby inspire within them the necessary drive to resolve said difficulties. Sometimes, though we may refrain from direct counsel, a different perspective upon whatever trials confronts them may empower them to help themselves.

Nurturing in children a feeling of self-reliance will quicken their aptitude for independence. They shall be spurred to cultivate better habits and forsake whatever less commendable practices they may have previously exhibited.

Instilling in children's aspirations for a more perfect world, which they themselves will have a duty to help shape, will urge them ever forward, prompting them to acquire new knowledge.



## Strong Confident

From the blossoming self-confidence within them, a strengthening encouragement shall arise within us.

This practice should not be confined unto us alone. Rather, let us inspire those around us to cultivate a positive outlook upon the condition of their children.

Perhaps by offering a fresh perspective to our friends concerning their children, whom they may deem troublesome, we might advise them that such a child is not wicked, but rather a child with an exceptionally spirited disposition.

Let us show them the abundance of ideas with which these children face and overcome their challenges. Even without assistance, they surmount myriad difficulties. They are not unruly but resourceful and possess an indomitable spirit.