

Fourteen Hints to Parents **On How to Spoil their Child**

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Purpose of these jottings:

- ✓ *For personal reflection and examination*
- ✓ *To alert Parents to possible flaws in the education of their children*
- ✓ *They can be used for pep talks to Parents.*
- ✓ *For P.T.A. Meetings*
- ✓ *For Parents Discussion Groups.*

Points for Parents for Reflection and Discussion

Parents; keep in mind that unwise kindness and over permissiveness will spoil your child.

If you do, prepare yourselves for a life of grief.

1. Begin at infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way, he will grow up to believe that the world owes him a living.
2. When he picks up bad language, laugh at it. . This will make him think he is clever
3. Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is 18, and then let him decide for himself.
4. Avoid the use of the word “Wrong”. It may cause him a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe later, when he is arrested for stealing a mobile, that society is against him and he is being persecuted.
5. Pick up everything he leaves lying around, books, shoes, and clothes. Do everything for him so that he learns to throw all responsibility on others.
6. Let him read any printed matter he can get his hands on.
7. Let him watch T. V. for hours on end. The poor child need recreation
8. Let him be out of the house till late at night. My friends’ children do the same.

- 9.** Let no one tell you that your child is wrong. It's none of their business.
- 10.** Never check the companies he keeps. Do not curtail his freedom.
- 11.** Do not inquire where he goes when he is out of the house. It's not good to pry into his privacy
- 12.** Do not ask him to respect others, even your servants. His status would be challenged.
- 13.** Quarrel frequently in the presence of your children. In this way they will not be too shocked when the home is broken up later.
- 14.** Give the child all the pocket money he wants, never let him earn his own. Why should he have things as tough as you had them?
- 15.** Satisfy his every craving for food, drink and comfort. See that every sensual desire is gratified. Denial may lead to harmful frustration.
- 16.** Take his part against neighbors, teachers. They are prejudiced against your child.
- 17.** When he gets into real trouble, excuse yourself saying, "I did all I could possibly do for him! It's not my fault!"