

The Way That's Best for a Child

Proverbs 24:3, 22:6

Have you ever said to yourself, "I raised all my children the same way and how come they are so different?" or, "She/he is such an obedient child, but their sibling breaks all the rules." Or, "Our first child is so organized but our second is a disaster area!" Anybody that has ever been connected with kids has used these words at one time or another. Whether you are a grandparent, parent, uncle or aunt, or even friends of friends have all experienced the statements above. This is the difficulty of taking on the most important job in the world.

Hilary Clinton used some words 10 years ago which I believe are true. "It takes a village to raise a child." So today, what village are you raising children in and what is the way that's best for a child?

The truth and the method:

I. The Truth

A. If you have _____ with any of your kids you are ahead of the curve.

1. _____ about shortcomings.
2. _____ on success.
3. Stop _____ and enjoy all your kids and _____ for things to improve.

B. Children develop at different _____ and in different ways. Problem kids are many times late bloomers, give them time.

C. Love the _____ - _____. Unconditional love covers a multitude of sins.

D. You do your _____ as an imperfect parent then your children, not you, will make their own choices.

E. However dysfunctional your child may be, under God their greatest asset is a parent who responds by _____.

II. The Method

A. _____ up a child.

1. Thoughtful, loving, productive, happy kids don't just evolve, they are _____.

- a. Choose a _____.
- b. Use _____ reinforcement.
- c. Be _____.

B. In the _____ they should go.

1. Don't force square _____ into round _____.
2. Study your kid's gifts and _____ them into development.

C. When they are _____ they won't depart from it.

1. When they arrive in the place God has ordained for them, they will not need to be _____, _____, or _____.

2. When they arrive in the place God has ordained for them they will be:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

Conclusion

1. Do your job and then get out of God's _____ and let Him _____.
2. Everybody, even your children, have a God-ordained _____.
3. _____ is your biggest asset as a person involved with child-development.