

What Do We Want Of Our Children?

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This world would be a better place if parents, in rearing their children, wanted those children to grow up to be adults who were honest and truthful, trustworthy and dependable, compassionate and helpful, law-abiding and peaceful, clean in thoughts and moral in deeds, unselfish and sharing.

And they would be all of that and more if they were taught and influenced to become and be Christians.

But too many parents are more concerned about their children getting a good education, or learning a high-paying skill, or becoming socially prominent, or becoming rich and famous. Nearly all of the standards are material and worldly standards.

And then there are those who have children they never really wanted in the first place, and they don't seem to know what to do with them. They do not accept their responsibility to love them, provide for them, take care of them, teach them, discipline them, be good examples to them, and patiently train them. Fortunately, civil laws are in place to try to make them provide at least minimally for them and to keep them from doing them physical harm. So many children grow up without learning what God, the parents, or even society expect of them. Back in the 1960's "Parade Magazine" gave the results of a survey of thousands of high school students who were asked what their parents expected of them. Most of those young people then responded that they didn't really know what their parents expected of them. What would such a survey reveal today?

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