



"Figure you'll get this rumpus room finished before we're too old to rumpus?"

Those Backward Looks Worth Little for Kids

Hindsight apparently comes easier in raising children too, according to the Birmingham police department's juvenile division officer Jack Kalbfleisch.

Most parents, he said, are sincerely surprised when their children are caught doing something wrong. Most of them are sincerely sorry. Many try to take corrective steps.

A WORRIED father, whose daughter had been caught taking things from a store, sent the detective a list of "Rules for Raising Delinquent Children" that were probably the result of this same hindsight.

The rules read:
1) Begin with infancy to give the child everything he wants, in this way he will grow up to believe the world owes him a living.

2) WHEN HE picks up bad words, laugh at him. This will make him think he's cute. It will also encourage him to pick up "cute" phrases that will blow off the top of your head later.

3) Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is 21 and then let him "decide for himself."

4) Avoid use of the word "wrong" if it may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe later, when he is arrested for stealing a car, that society is against him and he is being persecuted.

5) PICK UP everything he leaves lying around—books, shoes, and clothing. Do everything for him so he will be experienced on throwing all responsibility onto others.

6) Let him read any printed matter he can get his hands on. Be careful that the silver and drinking glasses are sterilized, but let his mind feast on garbage.

7) Quarrel frequently in the presence of your children. In this way they will not be too shocked when the home is broken up later.

8) GIVE A child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own. Why should he buy things as tough as you had them?

9) Satisfy his every craving for food, drink and comfort. See that every sensual desire is gratified. Denial may lead to harmful frustration.

10) Take his part against teachers, teachers and policemen. They are all prejudiced against your child.

11) WHEN HE gets into real trouble, apologize for yourself by saying "I never could do anything with him."

12) Don't bother to send him to Sunday school or church. You're a

each Sunday morning and listen to a lot of outmoded stuff?"
13) Prepare for a life of grief; you'll be apt to have it.

THE FATHER found the "rules" in the Drayton Avenue Presbyterian church (Female) weekly newspaper.

They were reportedly prepared by the Houston, Tex., police department and printed in the Sparta, Ill., "Enquirer."
"I know, on many occasions we run into cases in which parents seem to have applied these rules," Kalbfleisch said.

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