

HOW TO RAISE A DELINQUENT

*In Houston, Texas, the Police Department gives the parents of every juvenile who runs afoul of the law twelve rules for raising a juvenile delinquent.
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1. Begin with infancy to give the child everything they want. In this way, they will grow up believing the world owes them a living.
2. When they pick up 'bad' or 'dirty' words, laugh at them. This will make them think they are 'cute'. They will run off and pick up some other words that will blow the top off your head.
3. Never give them any spiritual training until they are 21 and then let them decide for themselves. By the same logic, never teach them the English language. Maybe when they are old enough, they will want to speak Bantu.
4. Praise them in their presence to all the neighbours; show how much smarter they are compared to their neighbour's children.
5. Avoid the use of the word 'wrong'. It may develop in the child a 'guilt complex'. This will prepare them to believe, when they are punished later on for stealing cars or assaulting others, that society is 'against them' and they are being 'persecuted'.
6. Pick up everything after them, so they will be experienced in throwing burdens on others.
7. Let them read anything they want. Have no concern whatever for what goes on in their mind. Provide them with hygienic cups for their lips, but let their brain drink out of any dirty container for words and ideas.
8. Quarrel frequently in the presence of your children. In this way they will be prepared for broken homes later on.
9. Give them all the spending money they want, but never let them earn their own.
10. Satisfy every craving of the child for food, drinks and everything that has to do with the sense of taste and touch, gratifying every sensual desire.
11. Take their part against Policemen, teachers and neighbours. They are all 'prejudiced' against your child.
12. When they get into real trouble, always defend yourself and say, 'I never could do anything with them!'

Worldliness is not a matter of engaging in those practices
that some question. It is unthinkingly adopting the perspectives, values, and
attitudes of our culture, without bringing them
under the judgement of God's Word.

It is carrying on in our lives as if we did not know Jesus

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