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THE HAPPIER ROLE FOR PARENTS

Prov. 29:15

I. Can you imagine someone wishing their children had never been born?

A. Dear Abby had a mother so write.

B. Dear Abby polled her readers - hundreds of thousands responded & 80% said wished their children had never been born!

C. How can we make it a happier time for all concerned?

II. Let Parents know Their Role.

A. What do we envision - what we can do for our children or what they can do for us?

1. We can:

a.) Help them.

b.) Teach them.

c.) Grow them toward independence.

2. Our do we want:

a.) Them to make us proud.

b.) Bring pleasure.

c.) Be a personal asset.

3. Are they to be the extension of our egos?

a.) Good grades.

b.) Good manners.

c.) Social butterflies.

4. Are children a person or a possession?

5. We are to train a child.

Prov. 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go

a.) Tell him vs. train him.

b.) Learn by example - what kind are we

c.) Alcoholics beget alcoholics.

Abusers beget abusers. *and let thine eyes observe my ways*

Prov. 23:26 "Give me your heart, my son

d.) Faulty children are often the result of faulty parenting.

Prov. 20:7 "A rt. man who walks in his *integrity*

e.) We need to be c them. *his children are blessed*

Prov. 29:15 "A child left to itself disgraces *after him*

(1) Emotionally.

his mother

(2) Spiritually.

(3) Physically.

f.) We need to discipline.

Prov. 1:2-4 - shows things in which we should instruct them.

Prov. 13:12 "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but desire fulfilled is a tree of life" - thus

Prov. 13:24 *be consistent that loveth him chasteneth him becometh* "He who spares his rod hateth his son: but

g.) Parents must not let our response depend on our reaction at any given moment - react to violation of our comfort, pride, possession, time infringement

h.) We need to help develop values.

Prov. 13:20 "He who walks c wise men will be wise

Prov. 22:1 "A good name is to be more

Prov. 2:12 "Deliver from the ways of evil

i.) Set goals.

Prov. 28:19 "He who follows MT pursuits *poverty*

j.) Meet needs:

1.) Love - tell it, show it.

Prov. 10:12 "Love covers all transgression

2.) Encouragement - you go thru his experiences c
him.

Prov. 18:14 "No one can bear a broken *spirit*

Prov. 13:15 "Good understanding produces *favor*

3.) Understanding - Know the signals our kids send

Prov. 27:17 "Iron sharpens *iron*, so a man sharpeneth t

B. Let the child's dignity be maintained.

1. Don't put him down.

2. Treat c respect & courtesy.

3. Offer him choices.

Prov. 28:14 "He who hardens his heart shall fall into

4. Offer him explanations.

Prov. 22:15 "Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a

5. Don't embarrass him.

Prov. 11:1 "A false balance is an abomination to the

Prov. 15:15 "A cheerful heart has a continual feast.

Prov. 10:1 "A wise son makes his father glad; but a fo

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POPULATION

At the time Jesus lived there were about 250 million people on the earth. It took until 1850 for the population to reach one billion, then only 80 years to reach two billion, only 35 years for the third billion, and by the year 2000, only thirty years hence, there will certainly be at least seven billion people. Each day the sun rises on 191,000 more people than the day before; and every one of these new human souls has a body to be fed, clothed, housed, educated, nursed, healed, governed, provided for. Each year there are 70 million more people, 60 million of whom live in the less developed nations, and these people are not white, Anglo-Saxon, Protestant, capitalist, and democratic!—ROBERT H. HAMILL, *Plenty and Trouble* (Abingdon Press)