

How to Raise the "Perfect" Child

Advice from one Perfect Mother to Another

Don't ever **show appreciation** when your child helps out around the house, or they'll think it's not expected and become lazy. *(Nobody pats me on the back for doing dishes.)*

Compare your children constantly to others so they'll learn what you expect from them. *(This way they'll get to see clearly what you value, and who they should strive to be!)*

Remember also to notice and frequently **point out their weaknesses**, so they'll learn what they need to improve upon. *(We could all use a personal coach like that - don't you think?)*

Rarely recognize their unique strengths or gifts, or it will inflate their egos. *(Besides, they can always be smarter, more athletic, or more interesting. There's always room for improvement! Why should they be "good enough" - when they can be better?)*

Always **prompt them** to say "Thank you" when they receive something. *(After all, we all know that it doesn't matter if they feel grateful, as long as they are being polite!)*

Whatever you do, **don't acknowledge** your kids' **angry or upset feelings**, or their tantrums will just continue for longer and will get worse. No one likes a scene. *(This one might take some time, but eventually, your children will learn to bottle up their negative feelings appropriately, like you!)*

Make sure they **hug and kiss all the relatives** hello and goodbye at get togethers, so they learn that family comes first. *(Besides, we don't have to worry about gut instincts or personal boundaries with relatives - they always have our childrens' best interests in mind, don't they.)*

Make them **clean their plate** at every meal, so they get all the right nutrition to grow. *(Be persistent with this and soon their stubborn internal body cues will be silenced in the name of health!)*

Don't allow your children to **express ideas** that differ from the family's values, so they learn that home is a peaceful place, full of lighthearted discussion. *(What is a family if not a place for individual sacrifice?)*

Accept nothing less than **complete and utter obedience**, so they will always listen to future authority figures - no matter what they are asked to do. *(Don't you think a little fear is healthy?)*

Above all, **only let them make inconsequential choices** from a young age, so they grow up understanding that YOU always know what's best for them. *(You'll always be around after all!)*

Follow all my advice and you will have the **PERFECT CHILD!**
*(And don't fret, these tough days of parenting will fly right by!
You won't believe how **soon** your children will become teenagers who are **dying to move out**,
or even deciding to have their **own** sweet, and "perfect" babies!)*