

Making The Decision To Be Good Parents



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We have discovered that the decision to be parents involves more than a biological function. As Elder A. Theodore Tuttle said, "This decision to be parents means to put first the obligation to be baby-sitters, trainers, discipliners, supervisors, teachers, assigners, checker-uppers, planners, story-tellers, exemplars, and, in short, to be common, ordinary, garden variety, old-fashioned, on-the-job, full-time parents" (Relief Society Magazine, July 1963, p. 484).

This attitude toward being a parent is challenging, but the rewards are worth the effort. One of our children requires virtually constant attention and supervision because of a particular problem. This takes more patience than we sometimes feel we have; but since we have committed ourselves to helping him achieve his full potential, we witness many miracles of improvement.

Also, we have learned that we must love our children, not merely endure them. Children can be irritating at times, but we must recognize that, in the words of President Brigham Young, "they are so full of life that they cannot contain themselves. . . They have so much vitality in them that their bones fairly ache with strength." (In Journal of Discourses, 19:69.)

Great dividends come through love. Each week we try to spend time alone with each child. A trip to the store or a little chore at home involving parent and child can have great value. Even bathing them, flossing and brushing their teeth, and helping them prepare for bed bring many benefits.

"Making Home a Holy Place," Ensign, Jan. 1980

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