

Tips on Raising a Family...While Loving Your Teenage

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Synopsis

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I take very little exception to the plethora of advice columns, TV advice psychologists, and theoretical books on this topic. What I do take exception to are those who quote and promote the latest polls, studies, and psychological findings as the bible on child-rearing.

For too many years, parents have followed some of these self-proclaimed gurus and, as a result, have robbed our children of the qualities of taking responsibility and the honor of honesty and hard work. I find this evidenced in and through the idea of blaming parents, terrible youthful home life, and some circumstances beyond the control of the individual.

These conditions are claimed to be the cause of all our individual failings and, in too many instances, crimes. When we are able to place the blame on someone or something outside of ourselves, it seems to exonerate us from any responsibility for our actions; this further perpetuates immature, irresponsible and immoral behavior.

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