

Golden Rules

Measuring Life by a Different Standard

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Have you ever had a job where you had no experience or training -- where you were not allowed to quit and people's lives were at stake? **THAT'S PARENTING.** Parenting often seems to be like the many side effects listed on TV commercials for prescription drugs. Now that many of us have enjoyed all of the accolades that Mother's & Father's Day affords, we can reflect back on the parenting journey which ***Measured our Lives by a Different Standard.***

- The best way to keep children at home is to make the home atmosphere pleasant, and let the air out of the tires.
- When my kids become wild and unruly, I use a nice safe playpen. When they're finished, I climb out.
- The first half of our lives is ruined by our parents; the second half, by our children.
- Some children threaten to run away from home. This is the only thing that keeps some parents going.
- Having a 2 year old is like having a blender for which you do not have a top.
- Having one child makes you a parent; having two children makes you a referee.
- I used to believe my father about everything but then I had children myself & now I see how much stuff you make up just to keep yourself from going crazy.
- My kids were all having fun and getting along, and that was the best 3 1/2 minutes of the entire summer.
- Every time I say NO, my kid hears: 'ask again, he just did not hear the question
- The average toddler expends 6500 calories per day, consumes 1.5 bites of food per meal, and grows 3 pajama sizes per night.
- When your children are teenagers, it is important to have a dog in your house so that someone is happy to see you when you come home.
- You know that your life has changed, when going to the grocery store by yourself is a vacation.
- It is amazing how quickly the kids learn to drive a car, yet are unable to understand the lawnmower, snow blower, or vacuum cleaner.
- If your kids are giving you a headache, follow the directions on the aspirin bottle, especially the part that says, keep away from children.



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