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The unjustifiable severity of a parent is loaded with this aggravation, that those whom he injures are always in his sight.

-Joseph Addison

It's a sad moment, really, when parents first become a bit frightened of their children.

-Ama Ata Aidoo

This is the reason why mothers are more devoted to their children than fathers: it is that they suffer more in giving them birth and are more certain that they are their own.

-Aristotle

The joys of parents are secret, and so are their grieves and fears.

-Francis Bacon

It's frightening to think that you mark your children merely by being yourself. It seems unfair. You can't assume the responsibility for everything you do --or don't do.

-Simone De Beauvoir

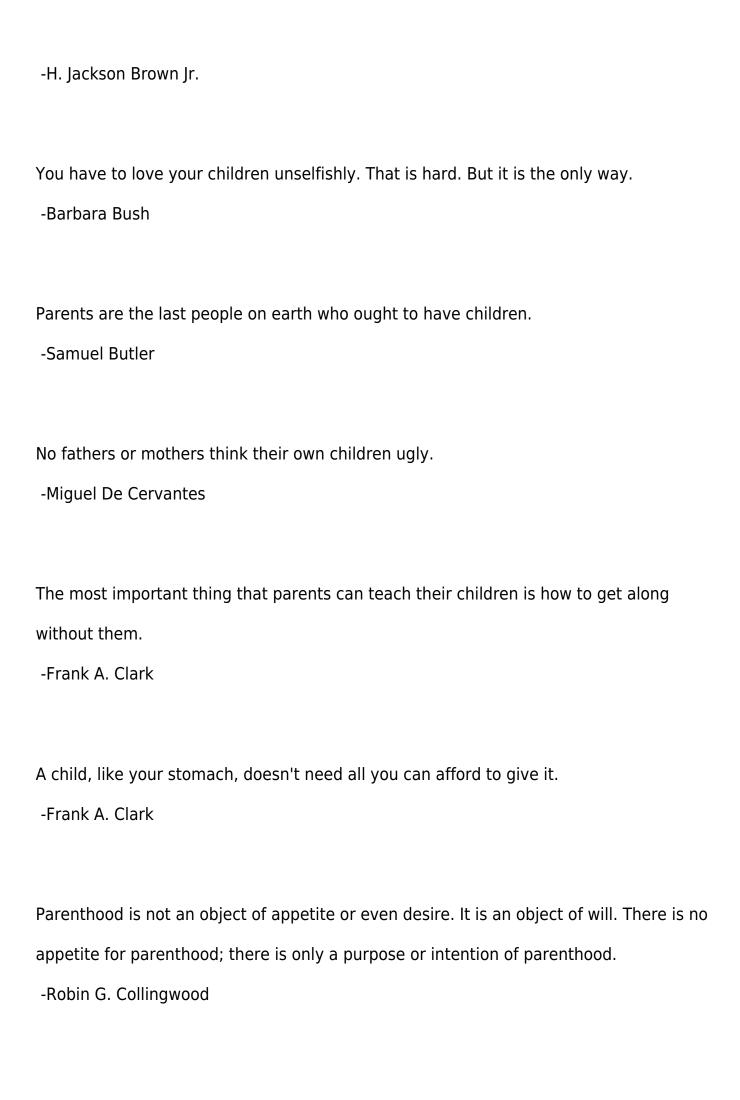
Let me go to hell, that's all I ask, and go on cursing them there, and them look down and hear me, that might take some of the shine off their bliss.

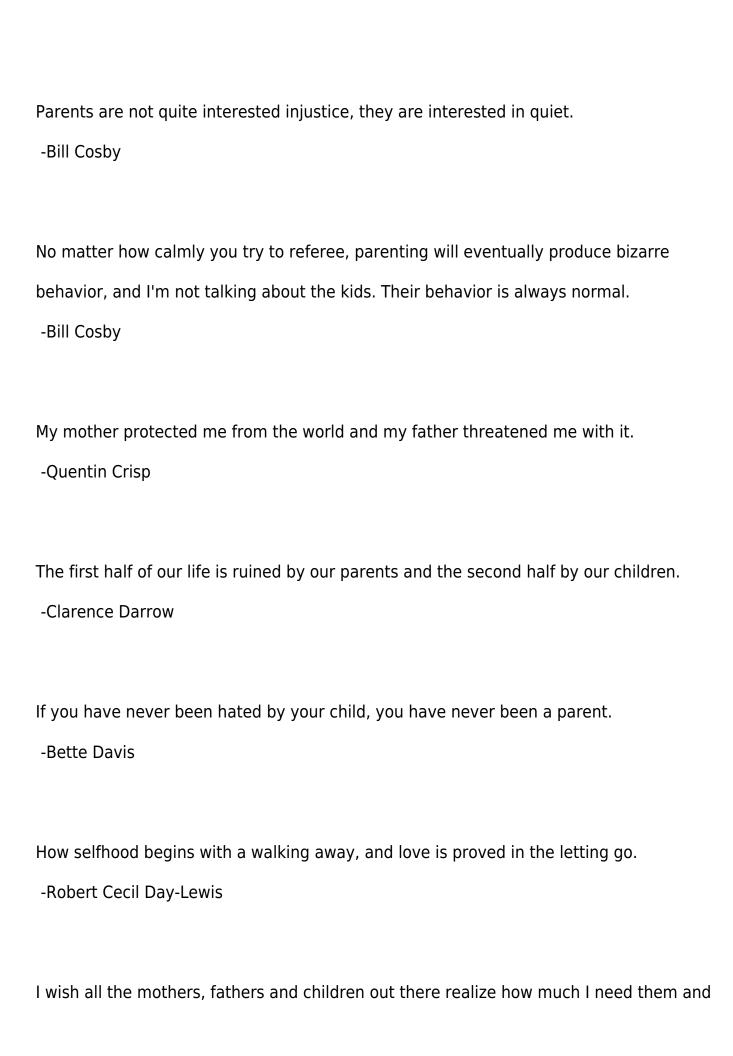
-Samuel Beckett We never know the love of the parent till we become parents ourselves. -Henry Ward Beecher He that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death. [Exodus 21:17] -Bible I don't know any parents that look into the eyes of a newborn baby and say, How can we screw this kid up. -Russell Bishop Fathers and mothers have lost the idea that the highest aspiration they might have for their children is for them to be wise... specialized competence and success are all that they can imagine. -Allan Bloom I take a very practical view of raising children. I put a sign in each of their rooms:

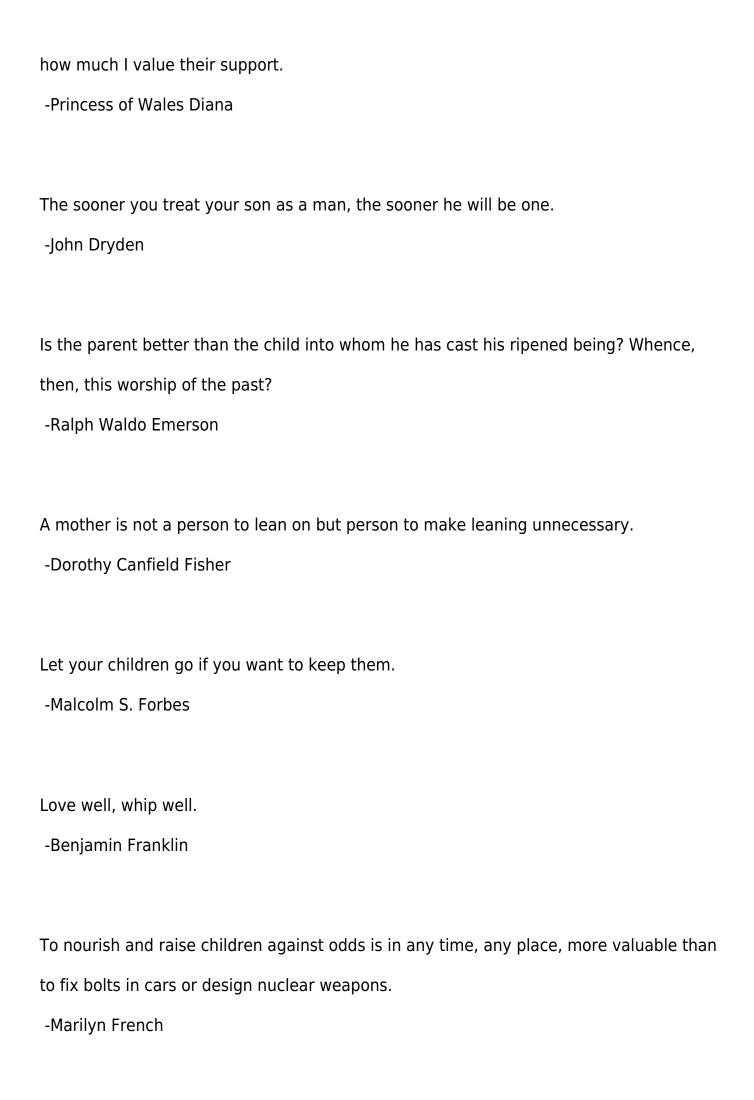
Live so that when your children think of fairness and integrity, they think of you.

Checkout Time is 18 years.

-Erma Bombeck







You don't have to deserve your mother's love. You have to deserve your father s. He's more particular. The father is always a Republican towards his son, and his mother's always a Democrat.

-Robert Frost

There are two great injustices that can befall a child. One is to punish him for something he didn't do. The other is to let him get away with doing something he knows is wrong.

-Robert Gardner

A wise parent humors the desire for independent action, so as to become the friend and advisor when his absolute rule shall cease.

-Elizabeth Gaskell

How many hopes and fears, how many ardent wishes and anxious apprehensions are twisted together in the threads that connect the parent with the child!

-Samuel G. Goodrich

Parents send their children to college either because they went to college, or because they didn't.

-L. L. Hendren

Stop trying to perfect your child, but keep trying to perfect your relationship with him.
-Dr. Henker

Parents, they're strict on you when you're little, and you don't understand why. But as you get older, you understand and you appreciate it.

-Grant Hill

Where parents do too much for their children, the children will not do much for themselves.

-Elbert Hubbard

Do they know they're old, these two who are my father and my mother whose fire from which I came, has now grown cold?

-Elizabeth Jennings

Parents are traffic signs that are always in our blind spots.

-Jeremy P. Johnson

From where can your authority and license as a parent come from, when you who are old, do worse things?

-(Decimus Junius Juvenalis) Juvenal

Selective ignorance, a cornerstone of child rearing. You don't put kids under surveillance: it might frighten you. Parents should sit tall in the saddle and look upon their troops with a noble and benevolent and extremely nearsighted gaze.

-Garrison Keillor

Life affords no greater responsibility, no greater privilege, than the raising of the next generation.

-C. Everett Koop

Your responsibility as a parent is not as great as you might imagine. You need not supply the world with the next conqueror of disease or major motion-picture star. If your child simply grows up to be someone who does not use the word "collectible" as a noun, you can consider yourself an unqualified success.

-Fran Lebowitz

The pressures of being a parent are equal to any pressure on earth. To be a conscious parent, and really look to that little being's mental and physical health, is a responsibility which most of us, including me, avoid most of the time because it's too hard.

-John Lennon

Having children makes one no more a parent than having a piano makes you a pianist.
-Michael Levine

Parents wonder why the streams are bitter, when they themselves have poisoned the fountain.

-John Locke

Parents can plant magic in a child's mind through certain words spoken with some thrilling quality of voice, some uplift of the heart and spirit.

-Robert Macneil

In order to influence a child, one must be careful not to be that child's parent or grandparent.

-Don Marquis

The word no Carries a lot more meaning when spoken by a parent who also knows how to say yes.

-Joyce Maynard

Oh, high is the price of parenthood, and daughters may cost you double. You dare not forget, as you thought you could, that youth is a plague and a trouble.

## -Phyllis Mcginley

I wish you would moderate that fondness you have for your children. I do not mean you should abate any part of your care, or not do your duty to them in its utmost extent, but I would have you early prepare yourself for disappointments, which are heavy in proportion to their being surprising.

-Lady Mary Wortley Montagu

The most loving parents and relatives commit murder with smiles on their faces. They force us to destroy the person we really are: a subtle kind of murder.

-Jim Morrison

Every generation revolts against its fathers and makes friends with its grandfathers.

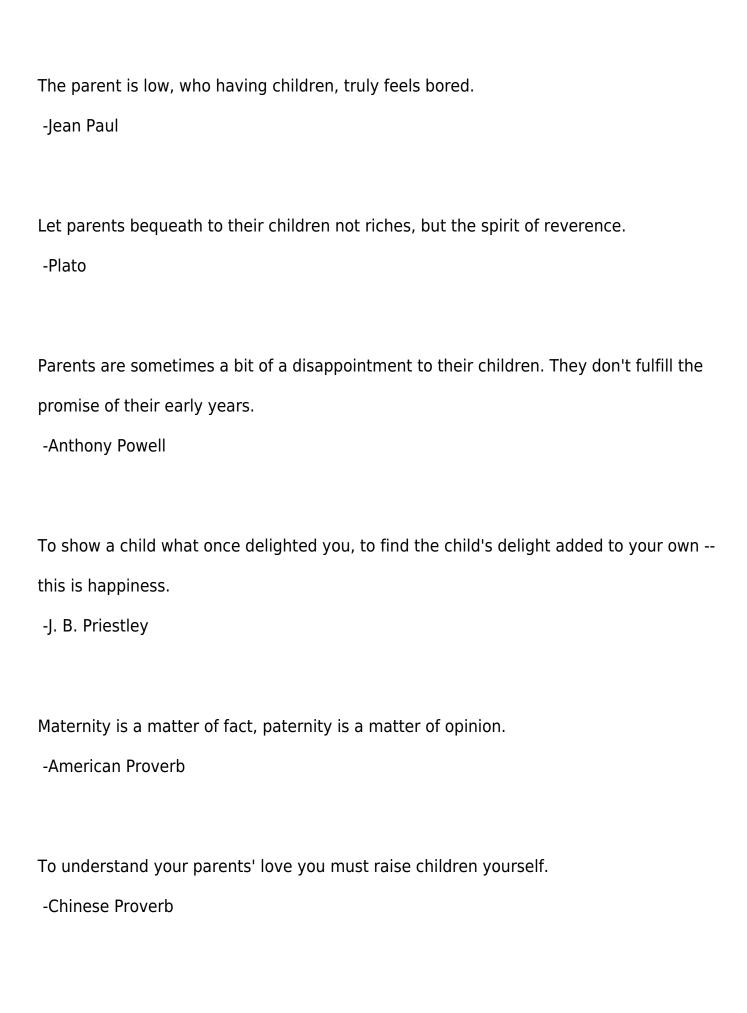
-Lewis Mumford

Parents were invented to make children happy by giving them something to ignore.

-Ogden Nash

If you bungle raising your children, I don't think whatever else you do well matters very much.

-Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis



You must not expect old heads upon young shoulders.

-English Proverb

He that does not bring up his son to some honest calling and employment, brings him up to be a thief.

-Jewish Proverb

I am the slave of my baptism. Parents, you have caused my misfortune, and you have caused your own.

-Arthur Rimbaud

Parents giving the keys to the car act as if they are giving the keys to the kingdom.

-William E. Rothschild

Parents lend children their experience and a vicarious memory; children endow their parents with a vicarious immortality.

-George Santayana

The question that is so clearly in many potential parents minds: Why should we stunt our ambitions and impoverish our lives in order to be insulted and looked down upon in our old age?

-Joseph A. Schumpeter

Parents learn a lot from their children about coping with life.

-Muriel Spark

Perhaps the best function of parenthood is to teach the young creature to love with safety, so that it may be able to venture unafraid when later emotion comes; the thwarting of the instinct to love is the root of all sorrow and not sex only but divinity itself is insulted when it is repressed. To disapprove, to condemn --the human soul shrivels under barren righteousness.

-Freya Stark

Most American children suffer too much mother and too little father.

-Gloria Steinem

I wish either my father or my mother, or indeed both of them, as they were in duty both equally bound to it, had minded what they were about when they begot me; had they duly considered how much depended upon what they were then doing;--that not only the production of a rational Being was concerned in it, but that possibly the happy formation and temperature of his body, perhaps his genius and the very cast of his mind;--and, for aught they knew to the contrary, even the fortunes of his whole house might take their turn from the humours and dispositions which were then uppermost :--Had they duly weighed and considered all this, and proceeded accordingly,--I am

