

Chapter 5: Why it is Hard to Give Your Child Responsibility

What is a “Good Parent”?

What is your idea of a good parent? Answer "true" or "false" to the following statements:

	True	False
1. It is my job as a parent to see that my child turns out honest and considerate of others.		
2. It is my job as a parent to see that my child has a good self image.		
3. It is my job as a parent to see that my child uses his or her potential.		
4. It is my job as a parent to see that my child is willing and able to work for a living.		
5. It is my job as a parent to see that my child behaves well in public.		
6. It is my job as a parent to see that my child goes to school.		
7. It is my job as a parent to see that my child eats properly.		
8. It is my job as a parent to guide my child and it is his or her job to follow my directions.		
9. It is my job as a parent to care for my child.		
10. It is my job as a parent to bail my kid out when he gets in trouble.		
11. I am obligated to sacrifice for my child, because his or her needs are more important than mine.		
12. It is my job as a parent to insure my child's safety, be alert for dangerous situations that he may encounter, and protect him from them.		
13. It is my job as a parent to protect my child from suffering.		
14. It is my job as a parent to protect my child from making mistakes and failures.		

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