

11-18-14 Follow up—Work

Anyone have a comment about work?

Class member: I realized that I do more in getting my kids to work than I thought I did.

Class member: I sat down with my girls and we made a list of all the things that are work and which require work. It helped me see that my kids do work. It was good because I got to hear from them about what work is. They are 14 & 12. What is work? They started listing off all kinds of things...brushing my hair, doing my homework. I tried to teach them we could find joy in those things.

Class member: I have a 2 year old. I realized instead of trying to distract her that I need to involve her and make work the activity. I applied that for a day. It was a lot of work. I had her help me.

If you do it now when they are 12 that will just be the way of life.

Class member: I made up a list and put it in the bathroom. At the very end I encouraged him with "you got the mirrors so clean. The rugs were missing because I forgot to put "put the rugs back down".

You could remind him that ...We don't have to be commanded in all things. Do you think they belong out in the hall.

Class member: I have 3 girls 6, 9, and ? I usually rinse the dishes before they put them in the dishwasher because they are icky. I stopped and had them go wash them off. She did it. I was shocked.

Let me tell you the truth....kids will go to the bottom standard. If your standard is just the bare minimum, that is where they will go. If you want them to reach and excel you have to raise the standard. L. Tom Perry...Pole Vault story. There was a minimum requirement to get into state. Elder Perry told him to raise the bar and see if you can go higher. That is what we do. We sometimes set the minimum standard and they are doing it and we let it be. We are so protective of our kids. If they don't like something they don't have to do it. They won't ever choose to do something harder unless they are pushed to do it.

Class member: I used the balloon thing with helping as a family. I had them each take turns and then we did mine and my husbands. The little one said "Daddy I will help you." Mom can't be all the things she needs to do without help.

Class member: Our girls are good at finding where the minimum is. There was a dispute between the 2 oldest. She said "I would just like to go apologize." My wife said that is a good thing. She went to go dispute more. She uses "I'll do that later so I can get what I want now."

We all do that. "I promise to clean the room after the ballgame." She thought of 3 more things she wanted to add to the dispute. She was sorry she got caught, not that she is sorry. Support her in that and then you say, "Ok you do need to apologize. What are you going to do for a make up." It's the service that will change the heart. Before you allow them to have their discourse say, "What are you going to do for a make up? When you are ready to think about the make up...you might need to think about it a little more."

Class member: It was an "I'm right and you are wrong."

Your wrong is to take offense. There is no right in this situation. If they are both wrong you require them to both do the same thing.