

# Rules For Rearing a Juvenile Delinquent - Part 1

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- 1 - Begin with infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way he will grow up believing the world owes him a living.
- 2 - When he picks up “bad words”, or “dirty words”, laugh at him. That will make him think he is cute. He will run off and pick up some more words that will blow the top off of your head.
- 3 - Never give him spiritual training until he is 21, then let him decide for himself. By the same logic, never teach him the English language. Maybe he will want to speak Bantu.
- 4 - Praise him in his presence to all the neighbors; show him how much smarter he is than the neighbor children,
- 5 - Avoid the use of the word “wrong.” It may develop in the child a guilt complex. This will prepare him to believe that when he is punished later on for stealing cars or assaulting women that society is “against” him and that he is being “persecuted.”
- 6 - Pick up everything after him, his shoes, his clothes. Do everything for him, so that he will be experienced in in throwing his burden on others.