



the True Princess

PARENTING

When we first find out that we will be a parent, we are filled with joy and anticipation. We assume that we will be the best parent possible and that our children will “be perfect.” But for most of us, that doesn’t always pan out as we thought it would. Along the way we encounter challenges we never dreamed of as our “perfect children” develop personalities of their own. I think the challenges start with not having a clear definition of what “becoming a parent” means. Obviously it means giving birth in the most clinical sense. But giving birth also burdens us with molding and helping that new being. It involves creating a life that functions in a purposeful, significant, responsible way. And it’s really to this end that we strive, knowingly or unknowingly on a daily basis. At any given point, we are building or tearing down. There is never a neutral spot in parenting. Parenting places upon us the responsibility of doing a “good job” so that our children reach their fullest potential. But what is a good job? And what is their fullest potential? Is it enough to provide food, shelter and clothing? Obviously it is not. We are expected, as parents, to produce polite, resourceful, responsible, and productive individuals. Unfortunately, our children’s birth didn’t come with an owner’s manual. Nor did it come with a training manual. So what we are left with are our basic instincts which come from what was done for us by our parents and their parents before them. And it’s assumed that one size fits all. But we know from our own individual family that simply is not true. 2 children born to the same parents, are raised in the same household, do not often achieve the same level of personal success in their lives. As we’ve learned, one size does not fit all. And in looking at yourself let me ask you this... Are you all that you were meant to be? Are you challenge-free, carefree, problem free? Are you independent, resourceful, responsible and productive? Again, are you all that you could be? So let’s break the traditions of our parents and their parents. Let’s readdress this issue of effective parenting and redefine this for ourselves and our families. Let’s clear our minds of any pre-conceived ideas and be open to the possibilities. Are you ready? Let’s go!

There are many books written on the subject of effective parenting. But there is one important element that I see missing. And that is, defining specifically what the desired outcome behavior would look like. It’s like saying “I’m going to build a successful business” without defining precisely what that would look like at the point that it qualifies for your definition of success. There are infinite definitions of success based on the expectations of the individual. So it is with raising successful children. What does that look like to you? Is it a quiet obedient person or is it a resourceful problem solving individual? And then, once you define it, how do you go about developing and implementing a plan to reap that desired result? In this section of the Kingdom, we will offer various journeys for you to take that will aide you in becoming the effective parent you want and were meant to be. Each journey will start with clarification of how the end result you desire will manifest itself in each of your children. And from there we will work backwards to determine how to facilitate parenting each children so that the final results occur. Is it a straight up pathway? Unfortunately it is not. There will be many twists, turns and detours, but we’re here to help. We’re here to support you and help you keep your eyes on the final outcome...producing a caring, respectful, confident, resourceful, productive individual who will have every tool possible to realize their full potential.