

Working parents and child care

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In the modern world we, human being are enjoying lots of things. People are living luxuries life especially at urban area. Though it doesn't mean rural areas are lagging behind. In our childhood days, phone, that too landline, were available in few home. But mobile phone has become necessary at present time. Every member of household has their own mobile. I have seen children as young as eight, nine year old having their own mobile. You can do many things you through your phone. You can find most of the things you want to know on your mobile. Internet is full of information. You just have to click at the icons. Many people says today's youngster are becoming useless because of the mobile and internet. Internet is full of information, many of which are not conducive for young mind. However, in today's world we cannot effort to keep child stay away from mobile. Having mobile is a requirement from security point of view also. For instance, almost every child goes to tuition centre for tuition. You get concern whether my child has reach tuition centre safely or not. Then you get worried about their return journey. You need to keep track where about of your child. You cannot do this all without having a mobile at present situation.

Now the question is can we blame everything bad thing happening to our society especially on youngster on mobile or internet, my answered is no. In my observation the greatest responsibility to control or supervise the children lies with the parents. Nevertheless, the parents are unable to take care of their children in the way they should. In this competitive world husband and wife both are working to earn money. It is requirement of the time. Here I want to clarify that the requirement is not only about money. Today`s woman are educated and they don`t want their capability and qualifications to go waste. As a result both husband and wife are working. Needless to say when both parents are working 9 am to 4 Pm, they reach home tired. They also need rest, in such a situation parents are unable to give time to their children. As a result kids lacks the necessary attention they need from their parents. At present time we prefer nuclear family. Only parents and children stay together, gone are the days when children were cared by their grandparents and extended family like maternal and paternal uncle and aunties. So, we hire housekeeper to look after our children and house, housekeeper to do household chores. After coming home from office parents are often busy in their phone, attending to office work and sometime catching up with friends. Even feeding, bathing and clothing the children are all done by the nanny.

Family members are having their dinner in their convenient time; consequently parents spend very less time with their kids. In such situation children, even though they may seek parental care, they could not get it. Ultimately they divert their attention to phone and friends and get misled.

I feel parents has greatest role to play in shaping the morality of the child. The child leans on parents for emotional and psychological support. Children are emotionally and psychologically very fragile, they need constant support and direction. Many of us feel that we will give them life lesson when they grow up. However, the fact is when child reach the teenage they already have their own idea or opinion. At this age, child became rebellions if you scold and disapprove their behavior etc. Consequently child drifted away from their parents. They started hiding things from their parents and family thinking that their family will criticize or disapprove them. Due to lack of parental care, the youngster goes wrong way and indulge in drugs and other bad staff on peer pressure.

At present time parents should remember should follow certain measures. They are

1. Spend some time with your child every day. Remember any time spend with your child is quality time.
2. Tell them about good things and bad things from early age.
3. Practice what you preach. Child learns by watching you.
4. Encourage our child to share their problem with you.
5. Never scold and judge your child.

Children are very vulnerable at present time. All members of society needs to come together to protect the children because they are our future. However I feel the responsibility of parents are of utmost important.

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