

Discipline with Love

Discussion

'Discipline trains you to put up with disappointments; you will know that the path of life has both ups and downs, that every rose has its thorn.'

Sathya Sai Baba, Hyderabad, April, 1973

Sri Sathya Sai Speaks, Vol#12, Discourse 13

<http://www.sssbpt.info/ssspeaks/volume12/sss12-13.pdf>

'Parents often tend to encourage the improper behaviour of their children rather than correct them. Parents today are primarily responsible for their children going astray. They must reform their children by setting the example themselves.'

Sathya Sai Baba, 15 Feb 1995

Sri Sathya Sai Speaks, Vol#28, Discourse 03

<http://www.sssbpt.info/ssspeaks/volume28/sss28-03.pdf>

'For all the evil habits of children, who are naturally innocent and uninformed, the parents are primarily responsible. They do not make any efforts to teach proper ways of behaviour to the children. They pamper the children by giving them money freely. They want their children to become high officers, to earn large incomes, acquire wealth and lead a life of comfort and ease. But they do not consider for a moment how they should make the children realise the need to develop good qualities. It is up to parents to teach the children to cultivate right attitudes and moral qualities. To encourage them merely to get on in life is not proper. Parents should feel happy only when they see their sons and daughters leading blameless lives, acquiring a good name and behaving properly. To rejoice merely at the birth of a child is foolish.'

It is not wrong to love children. But you (parents) should learn how to love them. Whenever the children go astray, wittingly or unwittingly, parents should hasten to correct their faults and bring them to the right path. The obligations of parents do not end with providing food, schooling and knowledge of worldly matters. The children should also be provided with right values. They should not be made to think that the acquisition of wealth is the be-all and end-all of life.'

Sathya Sai Baba, 5 Feb 1984

Sri Sathya Sai Speaks, Vol#17, Discourse 3

<http://www.sssbpt.info/ssspeaks/volume17/sss17-03.pdf>

Activities

1. Discipline: what have you tried?
2. I love you and the answer is no