**Parents these days scarcely bring up their children they only finance them. Give your views for/ against the statement**

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You may go up to any kid out there in your neighborhood and ask him when was the last time his parents played a board game with him. When was the last time his whole family sat down to dinner together, without the T.V. on? When was the last time his parents put him off to sleep with a kiss on the forehead? Believe me, the days are too less for them not to be able to count on their fingers.

Gone are the days when meal times were to discuss all the happenings of the day, joys, and sorrows alike. Meal times are either synonymous to either T.V. being on or the computers and mobiles surfing on the web. Parents rarely know what their child does throughout the day be it at school or at home. Children too, accustomed to this change, rarely discuss happenings at school except for parents’ meets or exam dates. While children might look at this as a bout of independence, this independence veiling negligence from the parents.

Money in today’s world is the be-all, end- all. It has crippled the world by its ferocious clutches. Happiness today is synonymous to having loads of money. Which is mainly the reason why kids today crave for materialistic possessions more than quality time with their parents? Parents too, succumbing to this change instead of going against it, have just become a medium of finance for their kids.

Holidays today aren’t a source of joy to bond with the family but are the precious times to bond with the new video games and mobiles. In today’s world, blessings of parents as a birthday gift for their child doesn’t exist as an option at all; atleast one money bought present has to descend their way.

Parents too, have amended their duty from being a guiding lamp for their kids to caught up in work all day to earn money “for the kids.” Parents are always out of the house, leaving the child to his own devices.

Quality time has no space in today’s world that is running to catch up with time. We have often seen children asking for expensive gadgets every other day, and parents, always at their beck and call, floating some money their way to keep them “happy.” Indeed, if things don’t go the kids’ way, they often sulk for days together until their desire is satisfied. Never do they stop to think about the reason why their parents denied them that thing.

The other day, a mug of coffee in my hand, a questionnaire in other, I presented my last question to my best friend, Anne, who had kindly consented to helm me win the ‘Best Reporter’ competition in our neighborhood. ”So” I gathered up my business like voice, “Are you happy?” I asked. With a ruffle of her curls, she threw back her head and laughed till her sides ached. “What kind of question is that? Of course I’m happy. I have a wardrobe full off branded clothes and about a hundred different pairs of shoes. My parents lie at my beck and call and only a mere order to them brings me whatever I want, from wherever I want, to whenever I want it. And if, hypothetically of course, they fail to bring me what I want, one fake tear dripping down my cheek does the work. My parents always lie out of my way, for me to enjoy my privacy. Who would care to say this isn’t happiness?” one would say, how thick this girl could get? But, here’s what life means to us today: get born, learn how to walk and talk by our parents and then stamp our creators with words of ungratefulness.

It’s high time both, the kids and parents realize that the happiness don’t necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything they have.