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Hints on Child-Training

By H. Clay Trumbull

This is one of the best parenting books I've read, partly for the reason highlighted below.



I also appreciate his use of the word "training," as he defines it here:



Another great quote:

"It is the mistake of many parents to suppose that their chief duty is in loving and counseling their children, rather than in living and training them; that they are faithfully to show their children what they ought to do, rather than to make them do it."

Trumbull emphasizes the duty of parents to study their children so that they know how to train them:

"God has given the responsibility of the training of that child to the parent; but He has also laid on that parent the duty of learning, by the aid of all proper means, what are the child's requirements, and how to meet them."

This requires careful attention on the part of the parent:



And the parent may not always be the best judge of what the child needs:



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