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Child Raising Priorities Checklist

What is important to you in raising your child? If you were no longer around, what values are top priority for your child's new guardian?

Make a list of those priorities. And be totally honest with yourself. Don't list the things that others would expect you to list. But list the things that are truly top priority to YOU.

Need some examples to jog your memory? Check out this list. Which of these are important to you? Which are not? **Which ones would be the most important?** Are there things not on the list that are very important to you in raising your children?

- Experience as parents
- Existing relationship with your children
- Age of existing children in the home
- Geography (where kids would live)
- Faith or religious preference
- Sufficient free time to raise kids
- Maturity level
- Patience
- Age
- Wisdom in giving advice
- Appropriately involved in kids' lives (not a control freak)
- Parenting philosophy
- Education level
- Physical health
- Moral and social values
- Cleanliness
- Honesty and integrity
- Community involvement, citizenship
- Modeling good friendships
- Do they value hard work and professional competence
- Marital status
- How materialistic are they?
- Are they generous, willing to give of their money and material resources
- Unselfish with their time and willing to help and serve others
- Political party or affiliation
- Spending and saving habits
- Musical ability or opportunities
- Encouragement of athletics, arts or other important endeavors