

## JOB DESCRIPTION FOR PARENTS

1. A parent is an example; children copy behavior they see
2. A parent should be a leader
  - a. sometimes you will be unpopular
  - b. kids will not like the decisions you make
  - c. you will be called: "unfair," "you don't love me," guilt causers. DO NOT fall for this.  
  
(You may regret decisions of the past: a divorce, staying with an abusive, alcoholic spouse too long, poor decisions resulting in trouble for you and the kids...these are all sources of guilt to have you be a pushover. Don't.)
3. Parents are not in control of their child's decisions; they can only control consequences the decisions earn.
4. Parents need to teach problem solving: "what are your choices here?" not "do it my way"
5. Parents must assign\* chores, without pay; chores teach responsibility. Chores should be within child's ability to perform safely. Allowances are to teach money management. (\*Children can choose from a list)
6. Parents must teach respect. This is best accomplished through teaching manners: "thank you," "please," and of course by example. You must be a leader to be respected.
7. Do not take your child's poor choice as a reflection on you.