

A study on the principles of parental leadership for desirable children's education

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바람직한 자녀교육을 위한 부모 리더십의 원칙에 관한 연구

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Abstract Parents are also a leader of a child so they too must have a leadership at home. Since good parents are not just born but made, in order to be good parents one must be a good leader so this study aims to find a bigger capability of parents and the necessary principles of parental leadership. Journal of Digital Convergence. This space is for the abstract of your study in English.

Key Words : Principles, Parental Leadership, Children education, Relationships, Good habits.

요 약 부모도 가정에서, 자녀에게 리더이기 때문에 부모의 리더십을 갖추어야 한다. 좋은 부모는 저절로 태어나는 것이 아니라 만들어 지는 것이기 때문에, 본 연구는 좋은 부모가 되기 위해서는 먼저 좋은 리더가 되어야 하고, 더 큰 부모의 역량이 무엇인지, 꼭 필요한 좋은 부모 리더십의 원칙들이 무엇인지를 알아보려고 한다.

주제어 : 부모, 리더십 원리, 자녀교육, 관계, 좋은 습관

1. Introduction

As the level of leadership of parents can tell the level of leadership of a child, the level of leadership of a child grows up to the level of their parents. Let us look at the rock climbing as an example. Father who is climbing first can only lead the child to the point where he is standing and the child can only climb up to the point where his father is. As such, the level and

capability of leadership of a child can only grow up to the level of their father. Therefore, the leadership of parents and the future and success of a child has a close relationship and the leadership of parents can be an important factor for determining the future of a child.

If parents cannot demonstrate a good leadership to the children at home, it is difficult for a child raised from such home to be a good or a great leader at school

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or in society because they have not experienced the example of a good leadership. A child of a good or a great leader starts from a good leading parents and the basis and the seedbed of leadership of a child is the leadership of their parents.

The future of a child lies in the level of leadership of their parents. From parents having a good leadership, no child with a bad leadership can be made and from parents with a bad leadership, no child with a good leadership can be made. Therefore the leadership of parents becomes a factor that determines the future of a child.

2. It is important for the parents to have the leadership first.

Leadership in English is 'Leadership.' This word means the combination of 'Leader' and 'Ship.' Who is the leader at home? Parents are the leader of home and a captain of a ship called the family.

An occurrence of crisis and problems at home starts from the crisis and problems of leadership of parents. If the leadership of parents is weak, the order of the family will be shaken and the family is eventually destroyed. It is because the parents who are a leader of the family cannot demonstrate the leadership. If the family is led by the children and the parents follow, the result of such family will be a mess.

If the crisis of leadership of our parents has been detected in our family, if possible, the leadership of parents should be quickly recovered. It is because the leadership of parents restores the order of the family. Great parents leave the leadership as a heritage.

3. 6 principles of leadership for good parents

3.1 First, educate the children with principle and not the secret method.

For most parents, they are dying to get their hands on the secret method of parents who are successful in child education. However, since the child education varies by the country, environment, people, place and time, therefore it is not objective or typical and with special characteristics, it does not work for all children. Sometimes, a wrong method of child education can ruin their child. Why do parents seek for the secret method of child education? It is because of 'impatience' of parents and 'hurry hurry' education. The child education based on such method does not help the children and has an adverse effect. Therefore like the tree that grows in the greenhouse, the child will be weak and a big success in the future cannot be expected.

Conversely, the child education with a principle is different. This principle is immutable laws which are not based on the 'effect' so it is independent from a specific place, time, condition, environment and people. There is no secret method of a successful child education. What is more important than the secret method is the principle. The parents need the composure and patience to wait for the children's education accompanied by the principle. If so, then how and with whom the principle of children's education be made? Rather than being made solely by the parents, it is far better and effective when made with a child, and it should be made centered around a child and not the parents.

While reading the book by Stephen Covey called the <Principle Centered Leadership>, I came across the 'characteristics of leaders centered on the principle', and I would like to introduce this book because if the 'characteristics of leaders centered on the principle' mentioned in this book can be utilized, I think the parents can have a good leadership.[1] I also think that the leadership with principle is a necessary element for

the leadership of parents. I have summarized the characteristics and leadership of parents utilizing the 'characteristics of leaders centered on the principle.'

- Become a parent who is constantly learning.

Good parents do not try to educate their children only with their narrow knowledge and experience but constantly try to learn. Whenever they get the chance, they would participate in various education and seminars which are required for children's education and they try to grow their capability and develop their ability.

- Become a parent who lives the life of a steward.

As the people with principle considers the life not as a job but as mission, good parents should live a life as a steward thinking that it is a mission given by god.

- Become a parent who provides a positive energy to the children.

Good parents always greet their children with a bright face and try to become happy parents who are always optimistic and positive and provide enthusiastic and hopeful energy.

- Become a parent who believe their children.

Good parents does not compare the weakness, negative aspects and behaviors of their children with the others, and does not doubt the ability of their children and trust them to the end, and provide the courage and energy needed for the growth of their children.

- Become a parent living a balanced life.

Good parents are not only able to control their behavior and attitude through well balanced life and senses, confident senses and self-control, good judgment and standards, but they give good influence to the surrounding people as well.

- Become a parent who find the happiness and satisfaction from within.

Good parents live a happy life starting with themselves while pursuing the abundant life and do not try to find the happiness and satisfaction from their children but from themselves.

- Become a parent who creates synergy with the children.

Synergy is referred to as the status much bigger than the sum of all parts. In other words, it means the synergy effect appearing when adding 1 plus 1 to become 2. Good parents are the ones who try to find solutions through conversation, compromise and cooperation during the occurrence of a problem with their children.

- Become a parent who constantly tries to regenerate themselves.

Good parents invest time for special programs such as physical, mental, social, emotional and spiritual dimensions in order to regenerate themselves and try to have a stronger self-discipline, good character, spiritual leadership and spirituality.

3.2 Second, raise the children to have good habits.

Do you want to make your child successful? You just have to raise them with good habits. However we must keep in mind that the children with good habits come from the parents with good habits. It is because within the influence of parents, the children see, learn and follow the behavior and attitude of parents. Therefore good parents leave good habits to their children as a heritage.

A common denominator of a successful people is that they continue to practice a good habit. A good habit is the short cut to success. The difference between a successful and unsuccessful person is not

great. It is only the difference between minor habits. A habit is not only limited to self development or in the areas of success but accounts for a wide range of philosophy, psychology and behavioral science. When habits change, so does your life. It is because everything about human is influenced by habits. Therefore, a good habit can be the key for making the life happy and successful.

Finding the power and influence of habits and the impact that it has on life and success shall be explained in three things.

First, the habit is a critical key that influence the success and failure.

There is a saying of "A good habit makes good results. A bad habit makes bad results." [2] In the book called <The Power of Habit> by Jack D. Hodge, the habit affects all parts of our life. It said "the power of habit can lead the person in practice to a success and the person who dream to a failure." [3] This means that the person who practices with a habit of realizing his dreams will be successful but not the person who only dreams. As such, a habit and success has a close relationship. 99 percent of human behavior is influenced by habits and within such habit, the qualities are slowly brought up. Just because someone is successful, they do not have better intelligence, ability, talent, money, surrounding environment and academic background than the unsuccessful but rather a successful person has a habit of more relentless will, consistent practice and a systematic preparation.

Hee Jung Jin said "A habit is an important factor that can influence the life of a person and determine the success. The most powerful weapon that leads the humans to a success is not an abundant knowledge or bloody effort but a habit." [4] Because of this reason, a habit shall not be taken lightly and thought of it as a powerful weapon that leads to a successful life. A genius investor Warren Buffett had a habit of reading five times more books than the others and Oprah Winfrey had a habit of making anyone comfortable

regardless of their social status. The secrets to the success of Thomas Edison who have invented over 1,093 inventions including bulb, phonograph and projectors in his lifetime was not his genius brain but his habit of thinking. [5] Rather than a habit of quitting, he had a habit of constantly making efforts and thinking. As such, the habits and success is very closely related.

Second, a habit affects every parts of our life and also has a close relationship with the relationships of people and character.

Jack D. Hodge has emphasized that "all habits related to the health such as what kinds of exercise, how long and how often we do things affects our life. The relationship between friends, family and colleagues is based on habits. In fact, the nature of man itself has a close relationship with the habits." [6] Since a good habit has a close relationship with the personality and character of a person, those with good habits tends to make good relationships with the people. Therefore a good habit becomes the basic of good personality and character and makes a person to be more successful since they are familiar with the relationship between the people.

Third, a habit also affects the social structure.

19th century psychologist William James has said "a habit is a huge wheel that moves the society" and he continued to emphasize that the power of habit gives certain influence to the entire social structure. [7] As such, habits are giving a lot of influence at home, society and school.

Geum Joo Gwak has said "as habits give a huge impact to the life of a person, a habit is an important factor for the organization. There is a habit in the organization as well. All the process and method of communication, process and tendency of decision making of organization is a habit." [8] She also said "if the work pattern, work process, work manual is repeated periodically, it becomes a habit. Eventually, depending on whether such habit is efficient, inefficient,

creative, obsolete, rational or irrational, the success of the organization is determined." [9] Organizational changes and innovations starts with the wise and good practice of its members and also the habits become an important factor that influences the innovation and changes of the organization. When looking at the habits of organization closely, the members that form the organization is reflecting the habit of mind. A bad habit decides the faith of myself and the organization. It is because if a bad habit cannot be controlled, this bad habit will control myself. As such, a good habit is necessary for the success of the organization and its members.

Conclusively speaking, Ok Pyo Jeon has said "many talks about faith and innate talent and environment. But in fact, what separates us from happiness and misery, success and failure of our life is the gathering of habits held within us." [10] It means that the difference between a successful person and unsuccessful person depends on the habits. In other words, a successful person has a successful habit and unsuccessful person has unsuccessful habit.

3.3 Third, respect your children.

In the Webster's dictionary, it describes the word 'respect' as "having a special consideration or a high level of interest" and in the daum.net language dictionary it describes as "considering by raising the level of importance."

All children existing in this world desires to be loved and respected by their parents over anyone else. Therefore, the parents should consider their children as a special being even though they are young and insufficient, they should be loved and respected with a precious mind. A child who was respected by their parents also respects their companion, children and others as well. However, for those who were not respected by their parents has a deep wound inside their heart and tends to have lesser respect for the others.

The children's education starts with the respect. If you start the children's education without having a respect for them, you may deal with them in anger and bad feelings so the relationship with the children can eventually get worse. Therefore the parents, regardless of who they gave, they should respect their children and give unconditional love and nurture them with principle. However, it does not mean that you should love and respect the child even when they are heading the wrong direction. The way to truly respect the children is to teach them with what they need to learn and this will be a successful children's education.

3.4 Fourth, become a coach like parents such as the gardener

"Parents should become a gardener and not a mechanic. Not repairing and changing the children like a mechanic but one should become a gardener who waters the seeds to grow and carefully prune the branches in order to become a parent who can unlock the potential of a child."

This article was taken from the book called <a principle of children's education for raising them as a citizen of the world> by Kyung Sup Kim and Young Soon Kim. I agree with this article. [11] Most parents will probably want to be like a mechanic. It is because the children can be raised as how the parents want them to be. A mechanic type parents are 'children's manager', who finds their dreams, selects their jobs, select their companion and interfere with their life. Such children have less problem-solving skills and highly dependent on their parents and cannot form a healthy self-image. Eventually, they cannot do anything without the help of their parents.

Conversely, a coach type parents teach, train and encourage the children so that they can do better than doing the things on their own. Therefore, the children who were coached by their parents are made much more effective than trying alone and it gives confidence and satisfaction for achieving the planned goals. The

coaching of parents encourages the child and provides motivation for achieving their dreams and allows them to grow by themselves and helps them to plan for a self-directed dream rather than looking to the past.

If you want to become a coach type parents, you often need to have an in depth conversation with the children and keep a good relationship. The relationship of parents and children should be less formal and in forms of a partnership. A coach type parents covers the relationship of apprentice and has a wider meaning than mentoring with a bypassing concept. With example and attitude of coach type parents and through a good relationship with the children, a greater confidence and influence is given to the children and helps them to have the ability and talent.

The children will gain more knowledge from coach type parents and find news ability and methods which will help them in spiritual life as well as in life in general.

3.5 Fifth, maintain a good relationship with the children.

In the book called <Parent> by Peter Paulig, there is an article saying "A good parent-child relationship is the start and the finish of education." He advised that the factor that influence the relationship with the children depends on the attitude of the parents, [12] and also said "No matter how good the intentions and goals for a good education is, in order for that to be successful, you must first have a good relationship with the children, in other words, it must be based on trust." [13] Like his words, the basics and the start of children's education is building the trust and maintaining a good relationship based on such trust. After forming a good relationship with the children, you can then start the children's education. If you start the children's education before forming a good relationship with your children, it will be difficult to obtain effective results.

Then what are the prerequisites for the children's education? It depends on the formation of a good relationship between the parents and the children based on trust. This is the beginning and the basic of the children's education. A good relationship between parents and children develops into a better relationship when the children are honored, recognized and highly appreciated without being compared with others. In order to maintain a good relationship with the children, it not only depends on the attitude of parents but since the relationship is very edgy and sensitive, it should be treated very carefully.

People are happier when they have a friend whom they can share the joy with. A psychologist Ed Diener and Seligman have studied the difference between 'a very happy person' and 'less happy person', they have discovered that the happiness index was determined by whether it has 'a satisfactory social relations.' As such, if a relationship between a person and person is good then they are happy, and if bad, then they are unhappy. Especially if the relationship between the parents and children is intimate and good, then it is a happy family.

As a parent, if you have a bad relationship in marriage or in the relationship between relatives and neighbors, then the happiness index will fall and conversely if you have a good relationship with the people, then the happiness index will increase. By looking at the appearance and attitude of parents who tries to recover the relationships with the people, the children will learn the same aspect of their parents. This is the role and example of the parents as a leader of home.

3.6 Sixth, play the role as a couple of good relationship and balance.

According to the survey appearing in the book called the <Parents who are being revenged> by Sung Soo Jung, it describes the contents of survey results saying "Raising the children has been selected as the happiest

thing to the people. It means that over social success and wealth, the happiness obtained from raising a child was the biggest. Surprisingly, we often see the cases of a successful and wealthy people in the society having a headache due to the problems with their children." [14]

What is the beginning and the base of happiness? The answer is the family. Probably everyone will agree with this answer. All happiness starts with the family as its base. If one more beginning and the base of happiness can be added, it will be the children. The children are the seedbed of happiness and the base. No matter how much money you have made and no matter how your success, fame, power and status are high, if your family is not happy and if you have failed the children's education, then you have not succeeded nor be called a happy family.

In order achieve a happy family; one must have a good relationship as a couple with faithful role while maintaining the balance. The role of parents should not be unilateral or be delayed. In some families, the role of the mother is stronger and for some, the role of the father is stronger. This cannot be seen as a healthy or a happy family. A true healthy and happy family is a family who plays a balanced role between the couples.

A happy and good relationship of a couple gives happiness to the children and at the same time gives the best gift. The reason why the parents must maintain a good relationship is because it has a lot of influence on their children and also because it is the learning tool for the children. The children will follow and learn the appearance, attitude, words, behavior, habit and character of their parents as they see it. And it is transferred to their children as well.

If the mother is ignored by the father, then the son and the mother will also ignore the future wife and women as well. A daughter who was raised watching her mother being ignored may have a thought of revenging against men or avoid being married due to a deep wound. In some cases, they may regret being

born as a woman and even think of dying.

4. Conclusion

What is the greatest gift that the parents can give to their children? The children do not ask for an expensive gift but wants the love and respect from their father and mother. When they see their parents loving each other, they feel the stability, a sense of belonging, respectfulness, self-confidence, spiritual self-esteem and happiness.

If the parents love their children, then it must be shown through life. This is the true behavior and mission of the parents who love their children. Especially, the love of the parents should not be taught only in words but shown through action. When the parents show this in life, the children will see the behavior and appearance of their parents loving and respecting each other and eventually will have a correct outlook on marriage, values, outlook on life and view on faith. The role of parents who has a happy and balanced relationship is the shortcut and the key of raising the children to have the right values and personality who can be a great people used greatly in this era.

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