

## The "Ouch" Pointers on Parenting

Some thoughts on Parenting.

- Be very clear as to why you are having children. It is a 20 year one sided commitment. They owe you nothing.
- Do some study about who and what you are. That way you can be the guide and mentor you have undertaken to be.
- Treat them as you would like to be treated. Would you like a 4m tall giant yelling at you?
- Be fair &ndash; both in the fact as well as the perception. Their standards are not the same as yours.
- Keep your word. Be VERY careful what to say to them. They have a disconcerting habit of taking you literally.
- Be present 24/7. This not easy &ndash; sorry about that!
- Your task is to create a space where they can become who they are, not whom you want them to be.
- Watch out for the transmission of your fears.
- Be prepared to work hard.
- Have fun. These are all very tricky indeed. Perhaps the trickiest is No 2. This is at least a two year project, so if you want to breed get busy!