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When growing up, my father frequently reminded me to "pay attention to the details." That saying became very real to me in the area of parenting. While raising children, the details make great differences in development.

Being that children are people and not machines, the kind of detailing needed is different. Focusing on the externals of name brand clothing, perfect hair and having the most extensive collection of expensive toys are not the kind of attention needed. Such efforts will result in the child feeling rejected and learning to substitute material objects and appearances for love.

Children need the attention of their parents. The areas of their lives and abilities given attention will develop most. If the majority of parental attention is given to not standing correctly or not finishing tasks, these areas will develop further. In situations where habitual fault-finding occurs, the child eventually takes all that criticism inside and turns it on themselves. Such methods often lead to unmotivated children with low-self-esteem.

Many adult parents still carry emotional scars from harsh fault-finding from parents. A good common sense rule is, "If you would not let anyone talk to you like you talk to your child, you need to make some changes." Sadly, many children suffer in quiet desperation as victims of harsh treatment, that the parent justifies by telling themselves "it's for their own good," or "I only do it because I love them so much." Such displays are not experienced by the children as "love."

Children need attention given to the details of their lives. The attention they need the most is from their parents. They need encouragement in specific and tangible terms. Statements like, "It puts a smile in my heart, when you show teamwork by playing nicely with your brother" make a child beam. Find them doing good things and bring that to their attention. Identify the specific talent, how it is used and your reaction to it. Train their young minds to search for their talents with the same kind of attention to detail that may have previously been devoted to fault-finding. It also helps to identify internal or character qualities to praise rather than external appearances.

By developing these qualities, the child will always carry those qualities with them, regardless of age. Children do want to please their parents. The challenge many children face is that they often do not know what does please their parents.

Focusing on the details when children do good is important. Such an approach is detailed enough for children to understand what they did good and how it made you feel. Parents often devote too much detail to fault-finding. When the attention to detail is directed to finding good, it results in motivated children with strong self-esteem. If the devil is in the details, perhaps the saints are also.

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Start A Vending Business Of Your Own

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A vending business can be a very good investment if you know how to run it. The two most important factors to consider are placement of machines and how high a demand there is for your product in that location. Here are a few tips about the vending business you may find insightful.

1. The first thing to remember is the fact that there are a lot of choices out there when it comes to product. You will need to find which will sell best in the chosen location. Candy and gumball machines can be quite profitable but you may need to have more than one machine in place to get the sales volume you desire.
2. After you choose your product, you will need to find the best and most traveled location to place your machines. Look for places where people are abundant, hotels, motels, lunch rooms, offices, bus stations, supermarkets, and malls are a few places to consider. If you have chosen candy or gumballs you will want to consider places where children frequent. Zoos, restaurants, near restrooms, supermarkets, and stores catering to children.
3. You can choose to buy or rent machines when you start your vending business. You may find that it is a bit cheaper to rent machines. Of course most of the smaller, new machines aren't that expensive and they usually pay for themselves in less than a year of use.
4. Used machines are another way to start a vending business of your own. Not only are the prices more reasonable, but you may be able to obtain the machines on a payment plan to fit your budget. They will come with a guarantee of good working order.
5. Be sure to search the internet for specials. Many vending machine manufacturers offer online sales. You may be able to find a great deal on a new or used machine.
6. You will need to make sure that used machines work with the current currency, and how easy it is for the consumer to get the product out of the machine. If everything is in working order, you will realize a vast savings in your investment.
7. Metal machines are a better bet than plastic, as they are able to be repaired easier.
8. You want your machines placed in a location that is popular with the consumers who will purchase your product. We all know the more exposure a product receives, the more product will be sold. Especially if you have placed your machines in a compatible location. You will need to be persistent as many locations will turn your offer down. Make sure you talk to the owner or manager of the establishment, and not a regular employee, as they may give you the wrong information.
9. You will also need to consider the amount of profit you will be sharing with the business. This will cut into your profits so it is wise to negotiate a reasonable price.
10. You may also consider buying an already placed machine or an existing vending business route. Be sure you are able to view the route and the machines before you put any money down. Make sure they give you full disclosure on what commission they pay the business, and any problems they have

encountered with the route.

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