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Poems and quotes

Memos from the kids

Don't spoil me.

I know quite well that I ought not to have all I ask for. I'm only testing you.

Don't be afraid to be firm with me.

I prefer it; it makes me feel more secure.

Don't let me form bad habits.

I have to rely on you to detect them in the early stages.

Don't make me feel smaller than I am.

It only makes me behave stupidly big.

Don't correct me in front of others if you can help it.

I'll take much more notice of you if you talk to me in private.

Don't make me feel my mistakes are sins.

It upsets my sense of values.

Don't protect me from consequences.

I need to learn the painful way sometimes.

Don't be too upset when I say "I hate you!"

It isn't you I hate but your power to thwart me.

Don't take too much notice of my small ailments.

Sometimes they get me the attention I want.

Don't nag.

If you do, I shall have to protect myself by appearing deaf.

Don't make rash promises.

Remember that you feel badly let down when promises are broken.

Don't tax my honesty.

I am easily frightened into telling lies.

Don't forget how quickly I am growing up.

It must be difficult for you to keep pace with me, but please do.

Don't forget I love experimenting.

I could not get on without it, so please put up with it.

Don't be inconsistent.

That completely confuses me and makes me lose faith in you.

Don't forget that I can't thrive without lots of understanding and love.

But I don't need to tell you, do I?

Take time...

Take time to think -
It is the source of power.

Take time to play -
It is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take time to read -
It is the fountain of wisdom.

Take time to pray -
It is the greatest power on earth.

Take time to laugh -
It is the music of the soul.

Take time to give -
It is too short a day to be selfish.

Anonymous.

*Le matin, quand on est
abeille, pas d'histoire,
faut aller butiner.*

Henri Michaux

Words of wisdom

Anxiety is a thin stream of fear tickling through the mind. If encouraged, it cuts a channel into which all other thoughts are drained.

Developing the mind is important, but developing a conscience is the most precious gift parents can give their children.

The reason I talk to myself is that I'm the only one whose answers I accept.

In the right light, at the right time, everything is extraordinary.