

I'm Not Raising Corporate America

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I've often heard parents rationalizing punishments and rewards by citing the *real world*. When the kids grow up, they'll be in the *real world*. In the *real world*, they'll have to get a job and then, they had better be prepared. Punishments and rewards are everywhere, in the *real world*.

This misses a key point. I'm not raising Corporate America. I'm raising my children. So, while some day they may find themselves in a corporate position faced with a choice to make, right now they are children living their lives. I don't run my family by Corporate America's values — to gain as much money (i.e., reward) as possible, often at the expense of others. And frankly, if my children are ever in such a position, I hope they look beyond the immediate reward and follow what they know in their hearts is the right thing to do — not because of someone else's beliefs or because of some extrinsic reward — but because they are following what they believe.

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