

We invest so much in our children that sometimes it is hard to let them go. For those who actually want to see their children grow up and function on their own, here are some pointers. Answer the question: "how is this working for us?"

1. Recognize and communicate your child's strengths, growth, and triumphs.

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2. Let them experience the consequences of acting foolish (with your personal support).

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3. Encourage spiritual knowledge of a relational nature, not merely content.

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4. Treat them maturely, long before they ask to be treated like adults.

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5. Let them pursue their own path, avoid living out your dreams through your kids.

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6. Let them always be aware that you will stick with them no matter what, and when their consequences affect you, respond with grace!

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7. Keep a sense of humor. Take yourself seriously but don't go overboard!

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