

# Children Learn What They Live

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*If a child lives with criticism,  
he learns to condemn.*

*If a child lives with hostility,  
he learns to fight.*

*If a child lives with fear,  
he learns to be apprehensive.*

*If a child lives with pity,  
he learns to feel sorry for himself.*

*If a child lives with ridicule,  
he learns to be shy.*

*If a child lives with jealousy,  
he learns what envy is.*

*If a child lives with shame,  
he learns to feel guilty.*

*If a child lives with encouragement,  
he learns to be confident.*

*If a child lives with tolerance,  
he learns to be patient.*

*If a child lives with praise,  
he learns to be appreciative.*

*If a child lives with acceptance,  
he learns to love.*

*If a child lives with approval,  
he learns to like himself.*

*If a child lives with recognition,  
he learns that it is good to have a goal.*

*If a child lives with sharing,  
he learns about generosity.*

*If a child lives with honesty and fairness,  
he learns what truth and justice are.*

*If a child lives with security,  
he learns to have faith in himself and in those about him.*

*If a child lives with friendliness,  
he learns that the world is a nice place in which to live.*

*If you live with serenity,  
your child will live with peace of mind.*

*With what is your child living?*