

A little Equipping goes a **LONG** way

one family's adventure into the land of self-sufficiency

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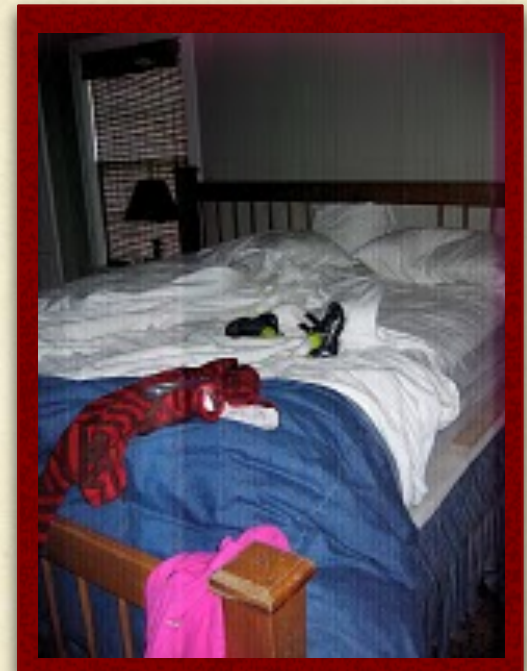
Who



the girls



the boys



ME! ... oops

Moms & Dads everywhere, racing in to save, manipu-finagle,
protect, control, save time, make life easy, bubblewrap, ...
LOVE their kids

What...



Enabling vs Equipping

Meaningful responsibility puts meat on the words, "You can do anything you put your mind to."

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By Sarah LeTrent, CNN

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By **Mithun Divakaran** March 27, 2012 10:53 AM



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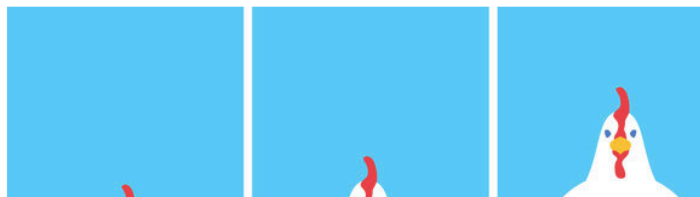
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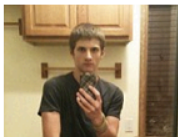
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Last moments of the Las Vegas Nazi



Pictured: Freshman Oregon shooter, 15.



Ben Affleck hit by claims he was kicked out of ANOTHER casino. as 'Jennifer Garner is fed up with his gambling'



Is this Dracula's final resting place?

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Why Parents Need to Let Their Child Fail

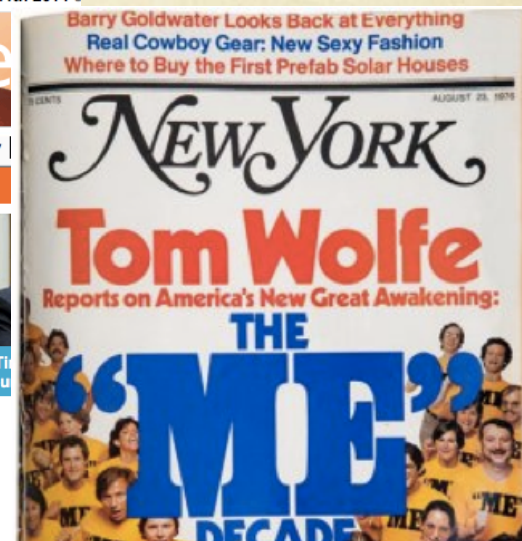
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94k *A new study explores what happens to students who aren't allowed to su
through setbacks.*



Matthew Benoit/Sh

Thirteen years ago, when I was a relatively new teacher, stumbling around classroom on wobbly legs, I had to call a student's mother to inform her that I would be initiating disciplinary proceedings against her daughter for plagiarism and that furthermore, her daughter would receive a zero for the plagiarized work.



When & Where

- Beginnings in early 1900s with Existentialism movement
- Mid-1940's move toward child-centric homes and propped self-esteem
- Child Labor laws and introduction of “teens”
- Starts at home – with great intentions
- Trend in the U.S. away from the American dream toward entitlement (I'm owed/deserve)
- Earned Success vs. Learned Helplessness
(Arthur Brooks)

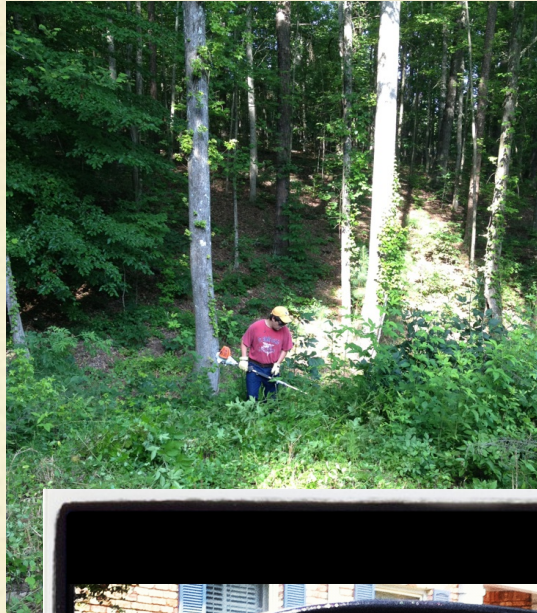


Great News! ... We aren't victims.

“Culture doesn't change people; people change culture.” - Chuck Colson

But, Why... can't we stop ourselves?

- Time
- Efficiency
- Fear
- Uber-Parents
- Trust



Why... must we stop ourselves?

- Kid's thrive on High Expectations
- *Training* = Teaching → Standing at a distance → Cheering from the sideline
- Our homes act as societal test tubes
- Provides grounding - kids are searching to find where they belong
- Consider attitudes that we groom (expectations they might not be able to afford)
- Out of love. Responsibility puts meat on the bones of "I know you can do it", puts fresh wind in those low self-esteem sails



What do Sprinklers & UT Football have in common?

How

- Set up a plan ... What do we want to accomplish?
- Get over the Societal Trends
- Begin with a Family Meeting - Kids ownership



- Make it do-able, not defeating
- Incentive/Reward
- Consistency ... not something I'm good at!
- Grab some friends

Tasks

- Task 1: Clutter Control and Bed-Making ...
- Task 2: Kitchen Creativity ..or “duty” depending upon your perspective.
- Task 3: The Great Outdoors ...Yard work at its finest.
- Task 4: Domestic Dirty Jobs...Introducing Lysol, Tylex, Pinesol, Soft Scrub and the dreaded toilet brush.
- Task 5: Workin' For a Living...The “benefits” of summer employment.
- Task 6: Roll Tide...As in the laundry what??!!
- Task 7: The Handy Man Can ... or can he?!
- Task 8: Party Planning 101...Lessons on hospitality
- Task 9: Operation Ping Pong ... A Case Study on Teamwork
- Task 10: The Runners...Embracing the intricacies of errands
- Task 11: Service...‘Tis the season to focus on others
- Task 12: Manners...There’s still a pulse - Etiquette is not dead.

Back to the “Why?”

- What message am I sending my kids?
- Independence or Dependence
- Seeing Obstacles or Opportunities
- Embracing the Secret Sauce to Life
- Consider the alternative vs. the potential
- Changing one home can affect a generation

“Passion doesn’t fuel work ethic, work ethic fuels passion.”

Eric Chester, founder RevivingWorkEthic.com, Forbes, 2011