32. SUBJECT: What’s REALLY important as a parent?

As parents we have all kinds of messages being thrown at us about what’s important.

*Make sure your child plays a sport!*

*Make sure your child learns an instrument!*

*Make sure your child gets into the best classes at school!*

*Make sure your child speaks several foreign languages!*

It can be quite overwhelming at times when we face the expectations of others.

Let’s simplify things a bit today.

Here’s today’s *Tip for Modern Parents*:

**If your child is loved well, cared for well, and prepared for life well, then you are doing a great job as a parent!**

Cut yourself some slack today. Focus on the essentials—and keep the main things the main things.

Perhaps rather than running around to baseball practice every night, you’d prefer to read books to your child. Go for it! Or maybe rather than forcing your child to study all weekend in order to win the spelling bee, you’d rather go for a hike with him or her. Go for it!

The critics will always be there, but your child won’t. Focus on what’s really important today.

Onward to better parenting,

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