



Traditional African Views On Parenting

1. "Honor a child and it will honor you." - African Proverb

2. "A child who asks questions is not stupid." -Ghanaian Proverb

3. "It takes a whole village to raise a child." -Nigerian Proverb

4. A child is a child of everyone." – Sudanese Proverb

5. "A single hand cannot nurse a child." – Swahili Proverb

6. "Let not your growing child hate you." - Ethiopian Proverb

7. "Do not put fear into a child." -Kenyan Proverb

8. "A child who is fearless is going to bring tear to his mother's eye" – African Proverb

9. "Patience is the mother of a beautiful child." – Bantu Proverb

10. "The one who beats children should not be entrusted with children." Ugandan Proverb

11. 'A stick is straightened while still young.' -Ugandan Proverb

12. "What a child says, he has heard from home." -Nigerian Proverb

13. "Parents give birth to the body of their children, but not always their characters." –Ghanda Proverb



14. "You cannot beat a child to take away its tears." – African Proverb

15. "A child who is to be successful is not to be reared exclusively on a bed of down." – Akan Proverb

16. "A child who is carried on the back will not know how far the journey is." –Nigerian Proverb

17. "Respect a little child, and let it respect you." – Bantu Proverb

18. "When a man curses his own child I is a terrible thing. – African Proverb

19. "As you bring up a child, so he will be." – Swahili Proverb

20. "If the mother steals with a child strapped on the back what do you expect of the child." – African Proverb

21. "A child is what you put into him." – Nigerian Proverb

22. "One should punish a child the first time he comes home with a stolen egg. Otherwise, the day he returns home with a stolen ox, it will be too late." – Ethiopian Proverb

23. "Too large a morsel chokes a child." –Mauritanian Proverb

24. "We desire to bequest two things to our children – the first one is roots; the other is wings. – Sudanese Proverb

25. He who fears the crying of a child, will cry himself." –Swahili Proverb
