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Three Types of Parents

At 99 Market, where I have worked for three years, is always busy on weekends. I have seen many families with parents and young children hand in hand, happily entering our store. At those moments, I often thought that children are raised and influenced directly by their parents. For that reason, if parents always consider how children are growing up everyday just as planters, they will bring their children to hopeful future, and the children will be more successful in their lives. Some parents who are in unsolved problems such as divorce issues become single parents, so some children certainly lack their parents' love, guidance, and advice. Therefore, success of these children is mostly depending on how they understand the current changes in their lives. However, if parents are neglectful, their children have more difficulty to be achievers. Overall, success of children depends on how much parents love and consider their children. I have mostly seen three types of parents: planters, single parents, and careless providers.

First of all, the best parents are like careful planters. Parents are important in children's lives because they give birth to the children as planters who take always care of their gardens. I remember when I was a child, my close friends' parents were always happy and fed them carefully such as preparing breakfast for them every morning, taking them to school, and picking them up at the ending of class. My friends often shared with me that they were always helped with homework by their fathers or mothers; therefore, they constantly received high scores in class. Especially, this type of parents always keeps their eyes on them. They never let my friends hang out with children who behave badly. They

protect their children safely with family discipline. One of my friends, Vien, knew how to draw beautifully at an early age. Her parents found out her talent and immediately moved her to art school. In fact, most of my close friends have become successful people; Vien is becoming an excellent architect; Hanh, Phat, and Doan are teachers. Success of children in the future is mostly influenced by parents like theirs.

On the other hand, many children are not luckily raised up by both of their parents. They are raised by single parents, mothers or fathers. In my case, I was taken care of by my mom while my father was away from home when I was eight year old. My mom has tried all her best to educate me and my two siblings to be helpful citizens. Although my mom has never helped me with homework and other school activities and followed my steps to school, she always motivated and pushed me to finish my work by giving useful advice. I have learned how to be a strong person through my mom's work. However, sometimes I felt jealous of my friends when I saw them having happy moments with their parents. Many times my heart was hurt as I heard them telling their family stories. So far I always wish my father and all members in my family were together like my friends' families. Even though my two siblings and I lack my father's love, we have also grown up fully; my older sister is a teacher; my brother is doctor. Although my two siblings succeed in their lives, they always feel sad because of lacking love of a father. With our father's help, we will easily succeed in their lives.

Finally, the worst parents are like careless providers. These parents are like blurred and broken mirrors that children cannot use to see everyday. Most of these situations, families are always in disorder, and there are no rules in their families. Parents never pay attention to the children's studies or school activities. For example, in my previous neighborhood, there was a disorderly family. They were four people. The father was a drunkard and the mother was also a gambler. Their two children were called Tam and Nhu; Tam and Nhu were sad and nervous every day. Their parents always had arguments. Tam

and Nhu never had a happy moment with their parents during their childhood. Tam was often absent in the class and played with other ill bred boys, and Nhu was a shy child. Every time their parents have fighting, Nhu and Tam ran out of the house; her face was filled with tears. I genuinely sympathized with Tam and Nhu. Because of their careless parents, they could not have a strong basic foundation to build for their children's future. Now Tam is in prison, and Nhu is a street vendor. Clearly, this type of parents is not good.

Because of the important roles of parents in each family, parents should realize that giving birth to their children is not the final responsibility; educating and taking care of the children are principal obligations. Children always need parents' love, guidance, and advice. Children's success in the future is strongly influenced by their parents. I wish that more parents would be planters and careless providers, and single parents would no longer exist in our society.