

# Ross W. Greene

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No kid should be getting three or four hours of homework a night. There's no breathing time, there's no family time, there are just extracurriculars and homework and then go to bed.

~Ross W. Greene

Challenging behavior is just a signal, the fever, the means by which the kid is communicating that he or she is having difficulty meeting an expectation.

~Ross W. Greene

It's a whole lot more productive to be in problem-solving mode than it is to be in behavior modification mode.

~Ross W. Greene

We have forgotten that those skills on the more positive side of human nature have to be taught, have to be modeled, have to be practiced.

~Ross W. Greene

My advice to educators is collaborate with parents; they know a lot about their kids.

~Ross W. Greene

If we're being unilateral, then communication does not happen, the relationship does not happen.

~Ross W. Greene

If a solution isn't mutually satisfactory, it's not going to stick.

~Ross W. Greene

When people are rushed, they're stressed and you greatly increase the likelihood of being punitive and unilateral just because you're trying to grasp control.

~Ross W. Greene

The idea that we can take this lump of clay and mold it into a form of our choosing is absolutely ludicrous.

~Ross W. Greene

Solutions can't be imposed. That just fosters resentment.

~Ross W. Greene

Parents are much more likely to be attuned to what they don't like than they are to the expectations that the kid is having difficulty meeting.

~Ross W. Greene

Being completely in control is a fantasy.

~Ross W. Greene

If we're sitting at dinner and there's no conversation going on because everybody's got their head someplace else in their iPhone, that's a family problem that needs to be solved.

~Ross W. Greene

You're your kid's partner, not the person who's pulling all the strings.

~Ross W. Greene

There is still quite the vibe out there that as a parent you have to be completely in control and in charge.

~Ross W. Greene

It's so crucial to really get a good handle on what's getting in the way of the kid completing a homework assignment. It can be so many things.

~Ross W. Greene

Kids are overprogrammed these days.

~Ross W. Greene

We never get to see that our kid is capable of solving problems on her

own. We never start to build up the faith that they can actually do it.

~Ross W. Greene

School is very demanding these days.

~Ross W. Greene

Most parents are accustomed to dealing with problems in the heat of the moment.

~Ross W. Greene

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