

The Fifteen Factors

Fifteen Characteristics to focus on as your kids start school.

1. **Genuine Faith:** A faith that is personal and real.
2. **Vision:** A long-term hope that aspires to follow God's plan.
3. **Resiliency:** The ability to bounce back from setbacks and failures.
4. **Wise decision-making:** A willingness to make good choices even when it's not easy.
5. **Work Ethic:** The understanding that effort, more than talent, produces success.
6. **Responsibility:** A choice not to make excuses or cast blame when there is an issue.
7. **Courage:** A willingness to try in spite of fear of failure.
8. **Focus:** The ability to concentrate on a given task.
9. **Godly knowledge:** A strong foundation of Biblical understanding that leads to a sense of what's really true (which is God, by the way.)
10. **Self-control:** The ability to delay gratification in order to do the right thing.
11. **Discernment:** The capacity to distinguish good and evil; right and wrong; reality from fantasy.
12. **Self motivating:** The desire to work towards a goal without extrinsic reinforcement.
13. **Teachable spirit:** A humble spirit that's willing to listen and learn.
14. **Honest:** The willingness to tell the truth even when it means admitting to a mistake.
15. **A positive attitude:** Chooses to try over giving up; to be thankful over grumbling; to encourage rather than complain.

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