

Nelson 12/94

Oh, For A Mulligan

I. Golf, Parenting, and A Second Chance

- A. I Cor. 9:23-24 Run in such a way that you may win...
- B. "Begin with the end in mind"
- C. Joan and I have had little interest in simply raising "good citizens". Our greatest desire has been to raise our children in such a way that they would love and serve Jesus all their lives. (Col. 1:28-29, 2 Tim. 2:2, 1 Thess. 2:7-8)

II. **Six Things We Would Do Differently**

- A. We would read more to our kids
- B. We would plan more adventures and take more risks
- C. We would laugh more and get less angry (especially with child #1)
- D. We would pray more often during the day with our kids
- E. We would make a "bigger deal" of the kids' spiritual accomplishments and would downplay those successes that are of only earthly consequence
- F. We would watch less T.V. and would watch more what we watch!!!

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**III. Seven Things We Would Do Again**

- A. We would again love one another passionately  
(prayin and playin)
- B. We would again display a united front when disciplining
- C. We would again regularly say "I am sorry. Will you forgive me?"
- D. We would again say "yes" as often as possible
- E. We would again seek out wise counsel from a "mentoring" couple or two
- F. We would again live as Biblically as possible and not apologize to our kids for failing to "measure up" in the eyes of the world
- G. We would again endeavor to impart grace and truth to our kids John 1:16-17
  - 1. Does grace flourish in your home? What happens when the kids spill the milk? 1 Peter 1:13
  - 2. Does truth prevail in your home? Is Christmas dinner fun for your family? John 8:32

