

# **Children Learn What They Live**

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*If children live with criticism,  
They learn to condemn.*

*If children live with hostility,  
They learn to fight.*

*If children live with ridicule,  
They learn to be shy.*

*If children live with shame,  
They learn to feel guilty.*

*If children live with encouragement,  
They learn confidence.*

*If children live with tolerance,  
They learn to be patient.*

*If children live with praise,  
They learn to appreciate.*

*If children live with acceptance,  
They learn to love.*

*If children live with approval,  
They learn to like themselves.*

*If children live with honesty,  
They learn truthfulness.*

*If children live with security,  
They learn to have faith in themselves and others.*

*If children live with friendliness,  
They learn the world is a nice place in which to live.*