



## CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

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 feel 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 patience

If children live with praise,  
they learn appreciation

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 those about them

If children live with friendliness, they learn  
that the world is a nice place in which to live



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