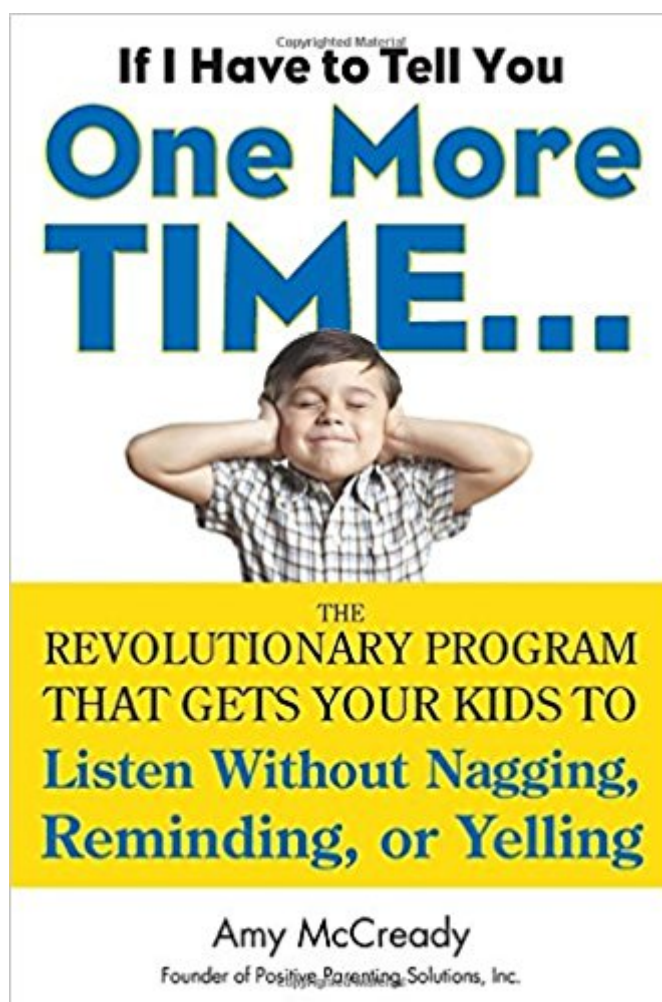


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If I Have To Tell You One More Time...: The Revolutionary Program That Gets Your Kids To Listen Without Nagging, Reminding, Or Yelling





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Why does it feel sometimes as if our children have special powers that enable them to tune us out completely? You ask your child to do her homework, get ready for school or bedtime. You think she heard you but...no response. You've tried everything...time-outs, nagging, counting to three...and nothing seems to work. In this invaluable book, Amy McCready, founder of the popular online parenting course Positive Parenting Solutions, presents a nag-and-scream-free program for compassionately yet effectively, correcting your children's bad behavior. McCready draws on Adlerian psychology and Positive Discipline, which focuses on the central idea that every human being has a basic need to feel connected and empowered...children being no exception to the rule. According to McCready, when this need isn't met in positive ways, kids resort to negative methods. In this book she provides parents with a virtual toolbox of strategies they can use to give their children the attention and power they crave...and do away with the misbehaving that adults dread.

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Amy McCreedy reaches a worldwide audience with her online Positive Parenting Solutions courses and webinars as well as regular television and radio appearances, including NBC’s Today show, Rachael Ray, MSNBC’s Dr. Nancy, Fox & Friends, CNN’s Headline News, and Parenting with Ann Pleshette Murphy for ABC News NOW. A regular parenting contributor to the Today Moms blog, she lives with her husband and two teenage boys in Raleigh, North Carolina.

I have subscribed to Amy’s video program, I’ve read her book, and I’ve listened to portions of the book on Audible. I’m still having a very hard time implementing the tools she recommends. Here is an example: Amy has a tool called “when . . . then”. You tell the child “when you finish cleaning up after dinner, then you can have your treat” or something similar. What she doesn’t go over for each of her tools is how to handle all the uncontrollable whining, tantrums and continuous fighting that ensues when you try to initiate these boundaries. For the “when . . . then” tool, one of her examples is to say to the child “when you load the dishwasher, then you can come to the table for dinner.”. What she doesn’t cover is what to do when the child refuses to do the chore and doesn’t care about the “privilege”. She simply says the child will have no choice but to comply. But the child does have a choice: not to eat dinner. Now, I don’t really care whether my child misses a meal, but it’s one of my husband’s hot buttons, and he goes nuts if that is going to happen. Amy has similar recommendations for ensuring routines. I am big on routines in my house. But I still can’t get my boys to get ready for bed independently without playing around, dawdling, etc. I tell them it cuts into their story time, I give them the “when . . . then”, etc. It doesn’t change their behavior. They just continue to do what they are going to do. They get a shorter story time, but if they dawdle or misbehave so much that there isn’t any time left for stories, all hell breaks loose! Amy doesn’t give any advice for handling that because I somehow still need to get them calmed down enough to go to sleep on time (if they don’t get enough sleep, one or them will be especially cranky the next day).

In her book and audio, she simply states that they will learn to comply because they have no choice. I don't know how many times I'm supposed to go through the same drama when they lose a privilege, but I've now been through the same situation many times, and it doesn't change their initial behaviors. There are other facets to her advice that also seem to be missing. For implementing mind, body, and soul time, she doesn't say what to do when 15 minutes isn't enough. One of my boys, in particular, loves mommy time so much, he wants mommy time ALL the time. I have to be very stern on drawing the boundaries and explaining that I have had fun, but I need to do other things. This doesn't help in getting him to start playing on his own (without bothering his brother) or help him figure out what to do on his own. He's old enough and fully capable, but when he wants more attention, he won't give up, follows me in the kitchen, whining and carrying on, etc. So what do I do with that? So I think in most recommendations in the book, what is missing is what to do when her recommendation doesn't work right away or the child persists and persists and persists and persists, especially after instituting a consequence. I am guessing her premise is that if you are consistent, then the misbehaviors in reaction to the consequence will end, but when? The book seems to indicate that it won't take long, but so far, that is not my experience. I do see a little better results using these techniques with my older son (7), who tends to be easy going. For my younger boy (6), he tends to be more strong willed, so he'll just choose not to have the privilege or throw huge fits. I don't give into him (and never have), but I'm still left not being able to improve the initial behavior that started the conflict.

After reading this book once I am re reading it a 2nd time. It's a great book and a lot of great info... I don't have a really unmanageable child but could always use tips to help make him a great person as he gets older. Some of the ways we was taught to raise children she makes good points why it should be done differently. We have been using the tools given in the book for the past month and I am able to get my 6 yr old son to listen more, the 1st time and make his own choices and be more independent ... I recommend this book to any one with children.

The tips in this book is quickly actionable. Though sometimes it can feel like drinking out of the hose. It'll take your discipline to master the techniques over time. This is a book to be studied not read

This book was just what I was looking for! I loved the various tools and explanations and have already implemented many of them into my parenting. In just a matter of 2 weeks, I am already

seeing huge improvements in our family! Can't wait to start Amy McCreedy's next book!

Absolutely AMAZING book. I highly recommend to many parents that I work with who are having issues with their children.

Good book nice to read

This book is exactly what I was looking for and has already been most helpful. Lots of simple ideas and tips for a more harmonious and peaceful household, who could ask for more? All members of our family have been benefiting from this very accessible book. Highly recommended by myself and my wife and daughter too! Josh (happy Dad)!

Very interesting diagnosis of the problems and non-trivial ideas to improve things at home. I'm just starting to apply them, and as a first improvement both my kids and myself are happier.

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