The Parenting Expert (*PREVIEW)*

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Mom: Teagan! Honey, are you ready to go?

Teagan: Almost – I’m getting my shoes on.

Mom: (*looks around room*) Honey! I told you this morning you had to pick up this room before you went to Jackie’s house!

Teagan: Well, I did pick up . . some . . .

Mom: Teagan Miranda, you know this isn’t picked up!

Teagan: I know, I know, mom. But Jackie had already told Chloe that we would meet her to ride bikes at 10:30. If I had finished picking up, I would have been late and then we would have been late meeting Chloe, and then we wouldn’t have had much time riding bikes cuz Chloe had to get to volleyball practice.

Mom: Oh, OK. Just make sure it gets picked up before bedtime tomorrow night. Come on, we need to go. (*starts to leave*)

Teagan: Mom, wait. If you don’t mind me saying so, that wasn’t very effective disciplinary correction.

Mom: I beg your pardon?

Teagan: Parenting experts will tell you that children need reasonable and clearly communicated expectations that are enforced consistently and firmly, with immediate, age-appropriate consequences for failure to meet those expectations.

Mom: How do you know all this?

Teagan: Internet. There’s more to me than Twilight and Justin Bieber, you know.

Mom: Well, you are right. Do you think you could give me another shot at that?

Teagan: Sure, Mom. Let’s take it from your entrance again.

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