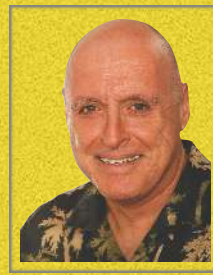


THE EXTRA POINT

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Today, our final look at Jordan Peterson's book, *The 12 Rules of Life*. I'm Jerry Roberts and three more rules are coming next, on The Extra Point.

Jordan Peterson's book, *The 12 Rules if Life*, was originally written for youth and young adults. This week, we've found there are benefits in it for all of us. We'll squeeze in three more rules today.

Rule 6: Put your house in order first, before you start pushing your vision off on other people. Peterson says it's important to make sure your own world is going smoothly, before you try to lecture others on theirs.

Have you ever known someone who freely gives advice to others on how to build a terrific and loving personal relationship, when you know they've never had one? Or they tell others the proper way to raise kids, when their children are monsters?

Well, there a business angle here, too. I've come across senior leaders in organizations who don't lead their direct reports well, and let's call those direct reports the middle managers. But then, the senior leaders are critical of the middle managers for how they lead their direct reports, and these would be the front line supervisors.

Consider that the senior leader isn't just any leader, he or she is also the example to the middle manager of how a leader should lead; just like a parent isn't just being a mom or dad, they're teaching the kid what? How to be a parent.

Rule 9: Assume that the person you are conversing with might know something you don't. Mom said, "You've got two ears and one mouth, and God planned it that way. You're supposed to use them accordingly." Big Ed, my early mentor, told me, "You'll never

learn anything by talking."

And it might have been the father of a kid I played football with in school, who told a group of us, "No matter who you're talking to, always be ready to learn something." I never forgot that.

When I was doing the J.Q. Fanihi Show, sometimes I'd pick up ideas and stuff in conversations, and use them on the air. Today, out of nearly 700 Extra Points, at least a couple dozen have come from things people have shared with me. Always be ready to learn.

And by the way, if you don't believe someone is worth your time to talk with, they'll probably pick that up from your facial expressions and body language. Be careful.

Rule 11: Leave children alone when they're skateboarding. This one is stepping on toes. Peterson describes modern parents as being overprotective. He feels that too many parents are raising kids who are not prepared for life — because they've been protected from life.

No caring parent would or should ever expose a child to unnecessary risk, and danger. But many kids today get well into their teen years without ever having any significant challenges, or taking any kind of risks.

They don't understand how to make good decisions, and they have little to no coping skills.

After high school, where do you think a lot of these particular kids are headed? How about to your workplace, looking for a paycheck? The real world is shocking to kids who've lived their lives in parental protective bubbles.

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If this is scary for you and you're worried how your child will do, start him or her off with itsy-bitsy risks, and see how they do...and see how you do. You can build on it from there.
The 12 Rules of Life, by Jordan Peterson.

That's The Extra Point. Be responsible and make something good happen today. For 93.3 and the Ray Gibson Show, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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