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What It Is, Who It Is, Where It's Headed

One Gal's View
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A friend of mine told me recently that none of her friends are coming to her next wedding: "They have children. They can't afford it!"

My friend stated (although I believe me) that she has no family at all but she did say that she had a husband and three children. She spoke to me about her life as a single woman and how she had to balance her career and her social life. She said that she had to make sacrifices to support her children and that sometimes she wished she had never had them.

A couple of years ago, I had a conversation with a friend of mine. She was a single mother of three children. She told me that she had to give up her job because she had to take care of her children. She said that she had to make sacrifices to support her children and that sometimes she wished she had never had them.

Today, I have a different perspective. I believe that children are a gift and that parenthood is a privilege. I believe that children teach us about love and sacrifice. I believe that children make us better people.

When you have children, you learn how to love unconditionally. You learn how to give of yourself selflessly. You learn how to make sacrifices. You learn how to balance your personal life with your family life.

When you have children, you learn how to be a better person. You learn how to be more patient. You learn how to be more understanding. You learn how to be more compassionate.

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