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ABSTRACT

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This descriptive study was accomplished to discover and reveal the characteristics of a spoiled brat and what lead them to be one and what factors contributed in the improvement and awareness of a spoiled brat and appropriate parenting style. The conceptual framework evolved from the researcher's point of view which is based on theories which concern a child to be a spoiled brat. The method used "kwentuhan" in which according to Estacio and Marks (2007) as quoted by Orteza (1997) is a Filipino social activity where people gather informally to share stories with each other.

The main sources of data came primarily from the responses of two subjects that are spoiled brats. Both are in the elementary level, ages 7 and 8 years old. Other information data gathered came from the parents, guidance counselor, class advisers, subject teachers, and classmates. Research instruments used in the progress of this study are: oral interviews with the subjects and participants; anectodal report; standardized tests namely: CFT,

Scale 2 and CPQ by Cattell; standardized online surveys: RSES and the Personality Questionnaire for kids; projective tests used are: HTP and Human Figure Drawing test for family structure.

The findings showed that spoiled brats are those who are manipulative and throwing temper tantrums. Their purpose is to control people around them just to obtain what they want. Overindulging or spoiling and inconsistent parenting style are the causes that lead their child to become spoiled brat. Inconsistent parenting style can cause confusion to the child directing them to be disobedient. Permissive parenting reinforces a child to become self-centered. To achieve awareness, parents must be supportive, cooperative and accept that their child has behavioral issues. Psychological tests and counseling sessions contributed to the awareness of a spoiled child towards their behavior and to recognize what is the appropriate parenting style. The study concludes that parents are the main factor and cause in contributing to their child to become spoiled brat. Overindulgence and inconsistent parenting style are the main reasons for a child to be manipulative and ill-mannered.

This study thereby recommends that parents must be aware, must accept, support and cooperate in the development of their child to improve behavior and perception. The school, private sector, community and the Church must be conscious and knowledgeable in giving parental education.

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