

LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCE: TOP 10 THINGS FOR PERMANENT PARENTS

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1. It's not the same . . .
2. Love does not conquer all . . .
3. Society does not view adoption as permanent . . .
4. It was hard, challenging and complicated . . .
5. Resources are inadequate . . .
6. Get as much information as you can . . .
7. Parents have needs too . . .
8. Personalities and temperaments don't really change . . .
9. Grown-ups need to change and adapt . . .
10. It's the most meaningful thing I've ever done . . .

What surprises have you encountered on your parenting journey?



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