

Taking Back the Culture: Responses to *Are You Done Yet?*

DES MOINES—A new baby should be a happy occasion. So we were surprised to hear from a number of moms about negative reactions or probing questions when they announce to family, friends and neighbors that they have a new baby on the way.

"Are you DONE yet?"

"How many are you going to have?"

"Better you, than me."

Sometimes the comments come from complete strangers in the grocery store or the public library. Sometimes they come from people in one's church.

"Don't you know this world is overpopulated?"

"Ever hear of Birth Control?"

We asked a few moms with more than two children, **"How do you respond to people who say you have too many children?"** Here are a few of our favorites:

1. I'm just getting warmed up.
2. You should meet the other ten at home.
3. You should be thanking me -- they will be paying your social security.
4. Are you trying to tell me what to do with my body?
5. We didn't plan them, but God did.
6. If my parents had stopped at two children, I wouldn't be here.
7. Am I DONE? What do I look like? A ROAST?
8. Sure beats having multiple cats.
9. What do you mean overpopulation? Have you ever been to Nebraska?
10. Practice makes perfect.



Iowa Right to Life asked moms, "How do you respond to people who say you have too many children?"

11. We didn't plan any of them. They were all the result of wild, unbridled, spontaneous passion.

12. We're going for the Guinness Book of World Records.

13. We figure at least one of them will take care of us in our old age.

14. Let's line them up and you can tell me which one I should get rid of...

15. The response I was looking for was, "Congratulations!"

In truth, we believe in responding with charity, because the people who make these rude comments are drunk on the Eugenics Kool-aid and they don't even know it. They believe families should have one or two children—or no children at all.

They have bought into the "lame-stream" media culture where children are not seen as a blessing, but a tax on the earth's resources. As one Planned Parenthood advertisement in Minnesota put it: "Babies are loud, smelly and expensive."

It's time to take back the culture. Let them know that children are our greatest resource. They add to productivity, they keep the economy going. Sure babies are a lot of work, but they are worth it. Life is a beautiful thing. It's the gift that keeps on giving.

Are you done yet? We hope not.



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