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Hardening Off Plants (Sheltering vs. Challenges)

Am I sheltering my children too much?

Am I challenging them too much?

How to Transition a Plant from Indoors to Outdoors:

1. Give a breeze with your hand.
2. Give partial sun at the warmest time of day (with plenty of water).
3. Give partial to full sun, with a light breeze.
4. Let the plant be outside in the daytime and bring it inside for the night.
5. Set the plant outside earlier in the day, to experience cooler temperatures.
6. Set the plant outside all day, taking water to it. Watch for birds, rabbits, and squirrels.
7. Set the plant outside overnight, off the ground, watch for moles.
8. Transplant on a cloudy day.

Key Points:

- Don't compare to other kinds of plants or locations.
- Water them often (Ephesians 5:26).
- Allow only short times away from you at first.
- Don't rush the process.
- All plants must develop a cuticle.
- Gradually expose them to the sun (hard things).