

Children a Blessing

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God Planned for Families

He who gave Eve to Adam as a helpmeet ... ordained that men and women should be united in holy wedlock, to rear families whose members, crowned with honor, should be recognized as members of the family above.

Children are the heritage of the Lord, and we are answerable to Him for our management of His property....

In love, faith, and prayer let parents work for their households, until with joy they can come to God saying, "Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me."

A childless house is a desolate place. The hearts of the inmates are in danger of becoming selfish, of cherishing a love for their own ease, and consulting their own desires and conveniences. They gather sympathy to

themselves, but have little to bestow upon others.

Counsel to a Childless Couple

Selfishness, which manifests itself in a variety of ways according to circumstances and the peculiar organization of individuals, must die.

If you had children, and your mind were compelled to be called away from yourself to care for them, to instruct them, and be an example to them, it would be an advantage to you....

When two compose a family, as in your case, and there are no children to call into exercise patience, forbearance, and true love, there is need of constant watchfulness lest selfishness obtain the supremacy, lest you yourselves become the center, and you require attention, care, and interest, which you feel under no obligation to bestow upon others.

***Many are diseased
physically, mentally, and
morally because their
attention is turned almost
exclusively to themselves.
They might be saved from
stagnation by the healthy
vitality of younger and
varying minds and the
restless energy of children.***

Noble Traits Are Developed in Caring for Children

One Minister once said, “I have a very tender interest in all children, for I became a sufferer at a very early age. I have taken many children to care for, and I have always felt that association with the simplicity of childhood was a great blessing to me....”

The sympathy, forbearance, and love required in dealing with children would be a blessing in any household.

They would soften and subdue set traits of character in those who need to be more cheerful and restful.

The presence of a child in a home sweetens and refines. A child brought up in the fear of the Lord is a blessing.

***Care and affection for
dependent children
removes the roughness
from our natures,
makes us tender and
sympathetic, and has
an influence to develop
the nobler elements of
our character.***

A Child's Influence on Enoch

After the birth of his first son, Enoch reached a higher experience; he was drawn into a closer relationship with God. He realized more fully his own obligations and responsibility as a son of God.

And as he saw the child's love for its father, its simple trust in his protection; as he felt the deep, yearning tenderness of his own heart for that first-born son, he learned a precious lesson of the wonderful love of God to men in the gift of His Son, and the confidence which the children of God may repose in their heavenly Father.

A Precious Trust

Children are committed to their parents as a precious trust, which God will one day require at their hands.

We should give to their training more time, more care, and more prayer. They need more of the right kind of instruction....

Remember that your sons and daughters are younger members of God's family. He has committed them to your care, to train and educate for heaven.

You must render an account to Him for the manner in which you discharge your sacred trust.

God has planned for our wellbeing.

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