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- I. Socrates was right! Card Quote #1  
II. Much do our children need - may I mention some imperatives?

A. Quote on Experts & Books #2 A

B. We can never fully realize the impact of our lives on our children. An old proverb says, "Any fool can count the number of seeds in an apple; only God can count the number of apples in a seed." We never see the potential which God sees in a person. Still, we must believe that God can multiply our influence a hundredfold through our children. (20th Century Christian)

C. Now I'll move to 4 points -- note the beginning letter of each point.

## II. Our children need be Desired.

Ps. 127:1-5

A. 1st part of Psalm shows we should be fellow workers with God.

Prov. 10:22 "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh"

- 1) NISI DOMINUS FRUSTRATA on many houses.
- 2) Nothing worthwhile is accomplished by human effort alone.
- 3) Blueprints of Builder God are perfect. (Stamm)
- 4) House - City - literal or is it a family? Metaphorically?
- 5) Vain to try it alone.
  - a) Uses vain 3X (Franklin card) #2
  - b) Without God we are nothing.

Jn. 15:5 "Apart from me you can do"

- 6) Doesn't mean we must not do our part. Cromwell, "Trust in God & keep your powder dry".
- 7) "Rise early"
  - a) Carking care is vanity.
  - b) Artificially lengthening the day will not get it done.
  - c) Lit. "Making early to rise, making late to sit down" - (Article on Up) #3
  - d) Means no discouragement to honest labor.

- 8) Gives sleep
  - a) Lord delivers from fume & fret.
  - b) Do what you ought to do & the Lord will take care of what you can't do.
  - c) While we sleep God carries forward his work.
  - d) "Sleep is placid labor" - Calvin.
  - e) Peter slept - Acts 12:6-7.
  - f) "Wherever God sends mouths He sends meat."

B. Second part about our desired children.

- 1. Heritage
  - a) Only God can create life - children.
    - (1) Cleaver card. #4
    - (2) Howitt card #5
  - b) They are not of doubtful blessing
  - c) Children belong to the Lord.
  - d) Elevating to see children as a gift of God.
  - e) Home is the last relic of Paradise.

## 2. Arrows

- Prison letter
- a) Sons hit the marks their dads aimed at.
  - b) Do we point them to the right thing?
  - c) Arrows shoot at our enemies - if wrong shoot at parents.
  - d) Arrows go the way we aim them.
  - e) Don't let arrows in the hand be arrows in the heart.
  - f) Crooked arrows (or bike frames) won't work right.
  - g) Sticks do not grow arrows - made so - Nell Mueller had a walking cane of bear grease & coffee staining. She's worked hard to polish it. (Petty card) #6

## 3. Youth

- a) Fine for children to be born to young folks (who else can have them).
- b) Enjoy longer, sons not born too late in life.
- c) Children are a great comfort in your old age & they help you reach it faster too - Jo Petty, Apples of Gold.

## 4. Quiver full

- a) Could be a small quiver.
- b) New protector of family.
- c) Speak (destroy is meaning) enemies.
- d) Smile - Laugh out loud. #7

## IV. Our children need to be - Answered.

Deut. 6:20 "When thy son asketh thee"

- A. A man soon learns how little he knows when his child begins to ask questions.
- B. Ralph Bugg card. #8
- C. Huxley card. #9
- D. Cut your meat? #10
- E. How can you answer what you don't know: So --

Deut. 6:1-9 (Read)

- 1. Saturation instruction.
  - 2. Banishment of Ignorance.
- F. What are principles involved?
- 1. Law is kept continually in minds of children.
    - a) Associate religion with all reoccurring scenes of domestic life.
    - b) Use every occasion - thoughts on word should be a normal part of the day.
    - c) Serious discussion during diversions; talk of word night and day.
    - d) Place word 1st in training of children, conversation, let it start & close day, control our behavior: senses, home, community - private & public life.
  - 2. Sign & Frontlet
    - a) Tephilim
    - b) 4 pieces of parchment containing Exo. 13:2-10; Exo. 18:11-16; Deut. 6:1-8; Deut. 11:18-21.

- c) Enclose in square box of tough skin.
- d) On side put Hebrew letter shin.
- e) Bind around forehead or left (weakest) wrist.
- f) Cases called phylacteries.
- g) Pharisees made theirs wider.
- h) Mezuzahs used.

Matt. 23:5 "All their works they do for to be"

- 3. Love commanded - from legalism to personal commitment.
- a) Wesley asks did ever a prince make law had to love him.

1 Kings 5:1

b.) We should be distinguished as those that fear the word & practice steadfast obedience.

4. The law was simple enough for fathers to teach sons - "What," sharpen children is word used.

5. Nothing should be allowed to interfere a teaching the word at home

6. The more we know the word the more we will love it

7. Meditate - heart - will, emotions, understanding

8. Love moves from legalism to personal commitment.

WE'VE got a two-letter word we use constantly that may have more meanings than any other. The word is *up*.

It is easy to understand *up* meaning toward the sky or toward the top of a list. But when we waken, why do we wake *up*? At a meeting, why does a topic come *up*, why do participants speak *up*, and why are the officers *up* for election? And why is it *up* to the secretary to write *up* a report?

Often the little word isn't needed, but we use it anyway. We brighten *up* a room, light *up* a cigar, polish *up* the silver, lock *up* the house, and fix *up* the old car. At other times, it has special meanings. People stir *up* trouble, line *up* for tickets, work *up* an appe-

#3  
tite, think *up* excuses, get tied *up* in traffic. To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed *up* is special. It may be confusing, but a drain must be opened *up* because it is stopped *up*. We open *up* a store in the morning and close it *up* at night. We seem to be mixed *up* about *up*.

To be *up* on the proper use of *up* look *up* the word in your dictionary. In one desk-size dictionary *up* takes *up* half a page, and listed definitions add *up* to about 40. If you are *up* to it, you might try building *up* a list of the many ways in which *up* is used. It will take *up* a lot of your time but, if you don't give *up*, you may wind *up* with a thousand.

—Frank S. Endicott

In the beginning of the contest with Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayers in this room for the Divine protection. Our prayers, sir, were heard, and they were graciously answered. All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a superintending Providence in our favor. To that kind Providence we owe this happy opportunity of consulting in peace on the means of establishing our future national felicity. And have we now forgotten this powerful Friend? or do we imagine we no longer need his assistance? I have lived for a long time (81 years); and the longer I live the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of man. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, sir, in the sacred writings, that "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without his concurring aid we shall



proceed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel: we shall be divided by our little, partial, local interests; our prospects will be confounded; and we ourselves shall become a reproach and a by-word down to future ages. And what is worse, mankind may hereafter, from this unfortunate instance, despair of establishing government by human wisdom, and leave it to chance, war, or conquest. I therefore beg leave to move that henceforth prayers, imploring the assistance of Heaven and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this assembly every morning before we proceed to business; and that one or more of the clergy of this city be requested to officiate in that service. -- Benjamin Franklin: Speech in Convention for Forming a Constitution for the United States, 1787.

The Treasury of David, Vol. 3-p.87-88  
C. H. Spurgeon

#1

Well over 2000 years ago Socrates said, "Could I climb to the highest place in Athens, I would lift my voice and proclaim, 'Fellow citizens, why do ye turn and scrape every stone to gather wealth and take so little care of your children to whom one day you must relinquish it all.'"

A great many experts who have written books on child behavior never had any children. That's what gave them the time to write the book.

#2

2A

We must not stop telling the American story. I was confused first before I embraced it. We need to broaden our system and the knowledge of our freedoms. For ~~me~~ more important than #4 politics was the security of my two children, a son and a daughter. There is no way my kids could be here by accident. I asked myself the question, does God monitor the earth, did it come by way of the big bang theory--that's chaos. Matter in motion moved around, lightning hit a rock, out crawled a lizard and they said that's your grandfather! Communists do not want to leave the impression they interfere, they want it to seem to be all indigenous. Communism has plans for the destabilization, turning us from our symbols of patriotism. We need unity of America, must have solidarity, must be concerned about the

country as it's the last hope of mankind. I believe Communism will be stopped by the United States.

God sends children for another purpose than merely to keep up the race -- to enlarge our hearts; and to make us unselfish and full of kindly sympathies and affection; to give our souls higher aims; to call out all of our facilities to extended enterprise and exertion; and to bring round our firesides bright faces, happy smiles and loving tender hearts.

- Mary Howitt

## Children

Mr Jones had recently become the father of twins. The minister stopped him on the street to congratulate him.

"Well, Jones," he said, "I hear the Lord has smiled on you."

"Smiled on me?" repeated Jones. "He laughed out loud." — *Monticello News*.

Things are pretty well evened up in this world.  
Other people's troubles are not so bad as yours,  
but their children are a lot worse.

APPLES OF GOLD, pg. 28

by Jo Petty

#8

In "The Sense of Wonder", Rachel Carson stresses authentic motivation: "Once the emotions have been aroused--a sense of the beautiful, the excitement of the new and the unknown, a feeling of sympathy, pity, admiration or love--then we wish for knowledge...It is more important to pave the way for a child to want to know than to put him on a diet of facts he is not ready to assimilate."

"A Father Shares" Ralph Bugg Pg 34

A lady was entertaining her friend's small son. "Are you sure you can cut your meat?" she asked, after watching his struggles.

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"Oh, yes," he replied, without looking up from his plate. "We often have it as tough as this at home."



Children are remarkable for their  
intelligence & ardor, for their  
curiosity, their intolerance  
slams, the clarity & ruthlessness  
of their vision

Aldous Huxley