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## OUR CHILDREN HAVE A RIGHT TO AN INHERITANCE

- 1. As a parent (people who bear infants, bore teenagers, & board newlyweds), what are you doing that shows your game plan for rearing your children? Dr. James Dobson suggests properly
  - A. Let love be your guide.

several things:

- 1. Jesus put it 1st on the list for relationship to God & man. then e stalled ox a hatred there in Prov. 15:17 "Better is a dinner of herbs where love is
- Jn. 13:35 "By this shall all men know that ye are my Rom. 13:10 "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour; the 2 Cor. 5:14 "For the love of Christ constraineth us; b
- Jn. 4:18 "There is no fear in love but perfect love
   It surely is necessary in parent-child relationship
   Infants not loved or touched died often of a
  - strange deterioration called marasmus.

    b.) 13th century Frederick II conducted experiment c 50 infants. He wanted to see what language they'd speak if they never heard a word.

Foster mothers could bathe & fed, but not pet or talk to charges. Experiment failed - all 50

- died.
  c.) Countless experiments show vital necessity of mother-child relationship & father-child as vital.
- d.) Unloved child is miserable.
  e.) Dobson said our threat is not deliberate hostility or rejection but:
- (1) Time pressure.

(2) Mikes put on kids' shirts - dads spent 37 sec. per day. 2.7 encounters per day of 10 to 15 sec. ea.
g.) Are children on our "to do" list. Listening is a building block in their self esteem.
h.) Ignored kids are scared. Inmates of Arizona

f.) Middle class dads had experiment on how much

(1) They guessed they spent 15 to 20 Min. c 1 yr.

- prison had a common thread not poverty but rather absence of adult contact in early home life. (Only thing kids wear out faster than shoes are parents & teachers).

  i.) Moonlighting is dangerous Ted Hildebrand
  - (worked long hrs., then spend extra time at church lost my kids).(1) Police asked, "Why out so late."
  - (2) Clip on TV.j.) Are we examples?(Never rent to parents)

(2) Over extended schedules.

time they spent c kids:

(3) Physical exhaustion.

old.

- Clip on Mental Trouble

  B. Dare to Discipline.

  1. Not too hard, harsh, or appressive.
- a.) More children under 5 are killed by parents than by disease.b.) 60,000 kids beaten to death annually in USA.

Prov. 3:12 "For whom the Lord loveth He correctethe even es a father the son in whom he delighteth

- Prov. 29:17 "Correct thy son and he shall give thee.

  Jer. 10:24 "O Lord, correct me, but with judgment;

  Prov. 22:15 "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a cl

  2 Tim. 3:16 "All scripture is given by inspiration of a c.) Need ingenuity phone booth.

  2. Too easy.

  a.) Thus create painful mistake in seeking to avoid another.

  b.) They'll test you to see who is toughest. Thus know they need discipline.
  - old stopped yelling & said, "What's wrong c that woman, Dad." He understood.

    d.) If you quail he:

    (1) Changes his relationship.

meddling woman followed, "Leave that boy alone. Turn him loose or I'll call cops." 5 yr.

(3) Wonders why you permit such behavior if you love him.

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(2) Sees you in disrespectful light.

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  3. Guidelines:

  a.) Establish reasonable expectations in advance.
- Free wheeling, no holds barred frustrates.

  (Mother owed 65¢)

  b.) Once he knows what's expected, hold him accountable. Parents must win nose to nose

encounter. Don't resort to tears & screams.

Must know "Who's in charge."

c.) Don't punish for behavior not willfully defiant (Forget to feed dog, take out trash, rain on bike - teach them to do better. Hold out of allowance perhaps to pay for error but don't confuse defiancy & irresponsibility. Girl's essay, "The trouble c parents is that

they are so old when we get them it's hard to change their habits."

- d.) After conflict let them be welcomed back. Love them copen arms.
- e.) Be sure child's capable of delivering what you desire & require. Bed wetting i.e. Some boys are washable tho most of them shrink from it. (Helped guy make bus - turned dog loose).
- C. Resist too many gifts.
  - 1. Can you say No?
  - 2. Don't destroy sense of appreciation.
  - 3. Prizes won cheaply are of little value.
  - 4. Pleasure comes when an intense need is satisfied
  - 5. Let them dream of some things even be so
- desperate they'll work for it! but trucked in the desperate they it is the man they are the desperate they it is the man they are the are they are the are they are they are they are they are they are they are they
- Lu. 12:15 "Take heed, beware of covetousness, for a
  - a.) Clip on faraway places.
  - b.) Garbage cans.
  - c.) Catch up c Jones they refinance.
  - D. Remain deeply committed to your mate.

- 1. Stable & loving home a great gift to child.
- 2. Children thrive on stability.
- Eph. 5:25 "Husbands, love your wives Rom. 7:2 "For the woman which hath an husband is b
  - a.) Is your mother engaged.
- b.) Sold water bed drifted apart.
- c.) Won't speak apologize.

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### The Odds Have It

#### JUST TABLE SCRAPS?

MERICA'S largest surplus food supply may be as close as our garbage cans, according to an Iowa State University extension nutritionist. In reviewing a Tucson, Arizona, study, it was found that households threw away 7 to 10 percent of the food purchased. This means that the average household throws away at least \$100 worth of food a year-without counting the wasted drinksor \$4.5 billion nationwide! This would be enough to feed about 7.5 million people for a year, according to U.S. Dept. of Agriculture figures.

#### LEARN TO WRITE RIGHT!

F THE BUSINESSES surveyed recently by pen and pencil makers, 95 percent complained that they had lost money due to poorly written messages, illegible records, and other handwriting-related misuses. Four-fifths even said that the handwriting of job candidates plays some part in hiring decisions! The key to succeeding in business? Polish up your

THE YOUNG couple had had their first quarrel, and for several hours neither would speak to the other. Finally the husband decided to give in. "Please speak to me, dear," he said. "I'll admit I was wrong and

you were right."

"It won't do any good," sobbed the bride, "I've changed my mind."

A policeman asked a man sitting on the sidewalk at 3 a m. "What are you doing out here so late?" The man answered, "I lost the key to my house, and I'm waiting for one of the kids to come home and let me in."

Peter's Right A five-year-old boy was playing on his front porch when a door-todoor salesman approached and seeing the boy, inquired, "I say, young man, is your mother en-Little Peter looked up at the man puzzled, thought for a minute, then answered, "I think my mother's married."

Miles City, Mont.

THE DEPARTMENT STORE was having a fantastic sale on sweaters, and the sportswear section was jammed with customers. The phone rang in the mail-order department and a voice asked for "one light blue cardigan, size medium."

The clerk writing the order asked, "To what name and address shall we send it?"

"Never mind sending it," said the voice, "Just bring it to the front of the store. I'm in a phone booth here."

No Wonder (Prizewinner) A couple finds they may have to give up their new waterbed. They seem to be drifting apart. 60 Rapid City, S.D.

In composing the note, he first wrote: "Please send me two gooses." Reading that over he decided it wasn't correct and tore the note up. On his second trial, he wrote: "Please send me two geeses." This, he decided, was not correct either. For a while he was

nonplussed.

"I've already done my good deed for the day," said the Boy Scout to his father at breakfast. "What," exclaimed the father, "before breakfast!" "Yes," said the youngster, "when I saw that Johnny's father was late for the 7:30 train, I turned the dog loose. He made it."



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#### Ah, August!

August is a beautiful month for a vacation. Unless, of course, you had yours in July. Chicago, Ill. George

Job Un-Wanted

Tired of the constant disorder in her sons' room, a mother laid down the law: For every item she had to pick up off the floor, they would have to pay her a nickel. At the end of the week, the boys owed her 65 cents.

She received the money promptly, along with a 50-cent tip and a note which read, "Thanks, Mom. Keep up the good work!"

Harrison, Ark.

Charles

# A woman patient asked her doctor, "Can you tell me why I'm seized with these restless longings for the glamorous and faraway?"

Too Much

"My dear lady," replied the wise doctor, "they are the usual symptoms of too much comfort in the home and too much ingratitude in the heart."

Lansing, Mich. Mrs. E. M.

## TELEVISION OF

Television does to your mind what cotton candy does to your body. It attracts your attention, makes you want it, and then leaves you with nothing but an empty feeling and a toothache. —NICHOLAS JOHNSON, Member, Fed'l Communications Commission. Public Utilities Fortnightly, 4 9-70.

#### TIME

Everything requires time. It is the one truly universe condition. All work takes place in time and uses up time. Ye most people take for grants

#### YOU CAN USE

Two little girls were playing. One pretended she wanted to rent the others playhouse.

"Have you any parents?" asked the owner of the

playhouse. "Yes, two," was the reply. "I'm so sorry," replied the young landlady of the modern era. "But I never rent to children with parents. They're so noisy and destructive." American Opinion, 5-70.

#### MENTAL TROUBLE

Half a million Americans enter mental hospitals every year. But many millions more undergo mental disorganization and somehow get through without any professional help at all.

That means that Christians, whose responsibility it is to love others in the name of Christ, must be therapists. One doctor who headed a large psychiatric hospital in Calif said to me, "Eighty-five per cent of our patients would not have to be here if they had available to them the support system that the church is supposed to provide." Christian Herald, 9-78.

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Chance sometimes opens the door, but luck belongs to the good players. — BERNARD BARUCH.

# Violence in U.S. homes spreads to all levels

Violence isn't confined to the streets. Studies show that violence begins in the home. Parents who batter their children were battered by their parents, and the pattern continues from one generation to the next.

What can be done to put an end to this brutal behavior? There are answers to this question and America's favorite adviser, Ann Landers, calls on Rep. Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.), who provides some startling information and expert counsel in this sixth excerpt from "The Ann Landers Encyclopedia.



By BARBARA A. MIKULSKI

Violence in the American home has been an invisible problem. Only in the past decade has the true situation come to

When the subject of family violence is raised, people tend to think of a family living in poverty, a number of illegitimate children, a mother on welfare, a father who has left home and a boy friend living with Mom. This is a false picture. Family violence occurs at all economic and social

Spouse abuse is the single most unreported crime in the country. The word "crime" is emphasized, because most people think what occurs in the home is a private matter between family members. This is the viewpoint of the perpetrator and the victim, as well as the police and court system. Recent studies, police re-

ports and files at crisis shelters all concur with the following facts:

· Approximately one-fourth of all murders in the United States occur within the family. Half of these are husband-wife kill-

• At least one-fourth of all American couples engaged in an episode of violence during their relationship. (Many studies indicate the incidence may be as high as 60

• Twenty per cent of all Americans approve of hitting a spouse, but among college-educated the percentage rises to 25

 Violence begets violence. Family violence is learned. Aggression is seen as the normal response to frustration in some families. As the children grow up, boys will beat their wives; girls will think it is 'normal" to be beaten. When these children become adults they are more likely to beat their children. At least 10 per cent of the children who witness parental violence eventually become adult batterers themselves.

 Pregnant women appear to be battered more often. The woman is usually hit in the stomach. The added burden of a first or an additional child sometimes pushes an angry (or drunk) male beyond the point of endurance.

 More children die of child abuse than any childhood disease. There were more than one million runaway children last year. Many left because of physical abuse

or sexual exploitation.

 Alcohol and drugs are often involved in family violence. Research has not confirmed whether the person uses these to justify the physical abuse or whether it causes the abuse. Alcohol-related violence is almost exclusively male.

• The existence of handguns in the home makes severe or fatal injury more

likely.

• There is a relationship between violence and the level of frustration. When unemployment increases in a particular community, so does the violence.

How can this situation exist in a country which prizes the family as its most cherished institution? It is noted in the history

of Western civilization.

Women and children were considered the property of the male. In the Middle Ages, men were encouraged to beat their wives. Women grew to expect this behavior. Laws condoned it. It was not until 1880 in England that severe physical abuse was considered legal reason for a woman to separate from her husband.

The cliche "a man's home is his castle" implies that men are more owners of their home than their wives, that their homes are inviolate and they can do anything

they like at home.

Violence in America is an accepted manner of behavior. Most battering of wives has been the subject of "humor" — Richard Reeves recently told a "joke:" "Wives, like politicians, should be beaten once in a while." And we recall the frequently used line of Jackie Gleason to his wife: "One of these days, POW, right in the kisser."

American life is filled with tension and

frustrations. Violence is a release. A husband comes home from the office; it has been a hard day. He has been put down by his superiors. His wife makes a simple error (forgetting to buy cigarets at the store). This triggers a violent explosion. All the frustrations of his job are taken out on his wife.

Battered children feel the same guilt and shame. They are totally dependent on their parents for emotional and financial support. Most children will deny that they have been beaten and will fabricate stories to explain their bruises, burns and broken bones. Often, removing the child from the home is the only way to prevent further violence. Although many state laws require reporting of child abuse, many doctors and neighbors still refuse to get involved.

The deaths and injuries that result from violence in the home can be reduced. The munities must insist that a higher priority be given to proper training of the police and that funding for programs to aid the abused and the abusers be supported.

Some communities have shelters and counseling services for battered wives. Hotlines to aid women in distress are being established by local mental health groups. Look under Community Referral in the phone book. Call that number and explain the problem you need help with. A group named Parents Anonymous has been organized for parents who want to stop abusing their children. Another organization is called CALM. National headquarters are in Santa Barbara, Calif. The address is CALM, P.O. Box 718, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93102. They have chapters around the country.

Men, women and children must learn that regardless of the behavior of a child or spouse, no one has the right to physically abuse another human being.

