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## Dear Old Dad ---

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# DEAR OLD DAD ----

I. Do you remember that song?

Let me "sing" some things about him now.

II. Dad - I wish you to be the head of a Christian home

A. What is this?

1. Dad's a Christian.
2. Had Christian concept of marriage.
3. Tries to be a Christian parent.
4. Teaches in word & deed the will & way of Christ.
5. Makes possible a Chr. atmosphere.

B. What's a Chr. marriage?

1. Lasting companionship.
2. Proper management of sex.

Heb. 13:4 "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed

I Cor. 7:2-5 "Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let

7:9 "But if they cannot contain, let them marry

3. Providing for children.

Ps. 127 "Except the Lord build the house, they labour

Ps. 128 "Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; th

Pr. 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: a

4. It's monogamous, fidelity for life.

Matt. 19:6 "Wherefore they are no more twain, but o

C. What teaching will be there?

1. God loves & cares.
2. God has right & wrong ways for man to know - based on Word.
3. Fd. for life given.
4. Church & worship honored.
5. Forgiveness practiced.
6. Christ honored.

## 7. Examples set before all.

Matt. 16:26 "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the world, and lose his soul?"

Gal. 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."

Col. 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as ye have heard, and as ye have seen."

## III. As the Head, how am I to:

## A. My wife.

Gen. 2:24 "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh."

1. Love her.

2. Communicate c her.

3. Handle problem areas: sex, children, money, loneliness, personal inadequacy.

1 Tim. 6:17 "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they abstain from pride, and from wrath, and from envy, and from boasting, and from ungodly love, which is the root of all evil."

## B. My children - see Luke 1:17 on hearts of fathers.

1. Kinnie Tevis 4 rules for bringing them up.

a.) Ignore what you can - there are important issues to enforce - not minor ones.

b.) Make no threats you won't carry out.

c.) Don't enact a punishment harder on you than on the child (grounding for 3 wk. & having him under foot all time).

d.) Don't forget to praise the child as much as you can. Express your love.

2. Do you understand a child - forcing him to share, i.e., too early only makes him learn you are bigger than he is & can make him, or that he gets your approval by doing it.

## 3. Teenagers:

a.) Home turned to a battlefield.

b.) Jimmy Miller's boy was embarrassed lest his dad say wrong thing so "you aren't going to speak in



chapel this year, are you?" at GACS.

c.) He usually is very honest - he'll see our real values.

d.) Psychologists say he's trying to ans. 3 qt.

1.) Who am I? (Self identity).

2.) What can I do? (Self development).

3.) What am I worth? (Self esteem).

e.) Accept as persons who have the right to be themselves.

f.) Help cut apron strings but not heartstrings.

James 1:5 "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of

2 Cor. 3:16 "Nevertheless when it shall turn to the L

2 Cor. 4:5 "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ J

g.) Now generation has little respect for history & time - nothing important ever happened before their generation.

h.) They need & want the right kind of discipline.

1.) What is right & wrong?

2.) It gives security as guard rail to motorist - we know our limits.

3.) Exercise it in love.

Prov. 3:12 "For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth;

Heb. 12:5-6 "And ye have forgotten the exhortation

Prov. 13:24 "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: b

Col. 3:21 "Fathers, provoke not your children to ange

Eph. 6:4 "And ye, fathers, provoke not your childre

4.) Let it be done w/o parent blowing stack.

5.) Do it in fairness.

Prov. 13:13 "Whoso despiseth the word shall be destr

"He that ans. a matter before he hears it, it is folly

and shame to him."

6.) Be consistent.

7.) Take him into account, age, etc.

Prov. 15:1 "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous answer kindleth wrath."

Prov. 18:13 "He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him."

James 1:19-20 "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God."

8. Be sure you communicate.

C. My neighborhood.

1. Do I reach out?

2. Have we solved our problems?

D. My play time.

1. Do I see the physical, mental, emotional side as we play?

2. 9000 teenagers in McCall's as the most important favor of their dad, "He spends time c us." (Ave. dad 7 min. per day).

3. Bill Ruhl - Why do I have 3 girls & Charlie 4 boys? His mother said, "Preacher might not have time to take his boys fishing."

4. Any story telling, rough housing, putting to bed by Dad?

5. Any cultural achievements?

IV. Finally, how do I handle my money?

A. Work 45 years @ 20000 = spending \$900,000 - need help to handle a million dollars.

B. Do I:

1. Save - 5 to 15%

2. Give 1 to 3%

(USA 1.5% religion & welfare, 5.2 tobacco & alcohol & 6.1% on recreation.)



Lu. 16:11 "If therefore ye have not been faithful in the

2 Cor. 9:7 "Every man according as he purposeth in his

C. Watch:

- 1.) Wife working  $1/2$  to  $3/5$  of salary goes to clothing transportation, baby-sitter or school - are you really ahead.
- 2.) Massive installment debt - if above 20% of earnings in trouble.

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## Wheels

Boy: "Dad, I'd like a bicycle for my birthday."

Father: "Do you think your behavior will improve if you get one?"

Boy: "It might . . . or it might not. But it will spread it over a wider area."

Red Oak, Iowa

M.O.M.



United Press International recently reported Dr. Hunter's saying that there are 17 million alcoholics in America and 100 million who drink alcohol. His studies published early in 1980 indicated that 25 percent of the adult United States population takes some form of tranquilizer, with alcohol ranking number one. Prescription drugs rank second. Dr. Hunter says that alcoholism and drug abuse are the nation's number one health problem--the third-ranked killing disease--surpassed only by heart disease and cancer. The scary thing about this is that this killer is self-inflicted by children, teens, and adults.

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism has released studies showing that 50 percent of all American teen drink alcohol. Don Wilkerson, author of "Fast Track to Nowhere", estimates that from 30-40 percent of these teens drink more than moderately and that there may be 500,000 teenage alcoholics.



Wilkerson makes an interesting and important statement when discussing the characteristics of the teen who does not drink alcohol. What is said by kids who don't drink tells us as much as what is said by kids who do. "Active, satisfied, motivated, dedicated, spiritually alive young people will say, 'No, thank you,' when the booze is passed around.

"No Time for Fairy Tales" - By Fred Grimm - Page 21

Sadly, according to the article, "Adolescent Prostitution" in Children Today, September-October 1979, "When asked to interpret what love means to them, young prostitutes have used such phrases as 'feeling secure,' 'feeling cared for,' and 'being paid attention to.' What we understand from these responses is that they are the pimp's 'lady' or 'woman'; this is what love means (Girls in a 'stable' compete with their 'sisters' to be the pimp's 'main woman' and work together to produce a good living for the pimp--and thus for themselves.) . . . Often it is not the commercialization of sex which is at the root of our discomfort, nor is it the 'immorality' of prostitution. Rather it is the fraudulent manipulation of affection--the 'con' which outrages us. This is 'puppy love' twisted and mauled for money and status."



On April 1, 1980, Dr. Ronald St. John, Deputy Director of the Venereal Disease Control Division of the National Center for Disease Control, addressed hundreds of world health professionals from 52 countries. He said that each year in the United States there are more than 500,000 cases of PID (pelvic inflammatory disease.) PID is caused by venereal infection. Approximately 40,000 women each year become sterile because of this venereal disease. One reason for the tremendous spread of PID is the increasingly more liberal sex practices.

With such statistics on record, it may be said that the United States is in the midst of a true epidemic.