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Judges 13:6-8

1. The qt. which is my subject is very current to me.
   A. It's not alone to me or to you.
Gen. 42:22 Reuben - do not sin against the child
1 Kings 14:3 Jeroboam "tell thee what shall become
of the child." (Abijah)
Lu. 1:66 "What manner of child shall this be!
1 Kings 3:7 "I am but a little child - I know not how
to go out or come in."
Isa. 49:15 "Can a woman forget her sucking child, th

1. Israel did evil.
2. Manoah's wife barren.
3. Angel told her she'd have a son.
   a.) Drink no wine.
   b.) Eat no unclean thing.
4. Son Nazarite from womb.
   a.) No razor.
   b.) Deliver Israel.
   c.) Few men perpetual
5. Told husband - confidence & confiding in him.
   a.) Countenance of angel.
   b.) Didn't know where from.
   c.) Didn't know name.
   d.) Nazarite - from birth - told it like it was.
   a.) "Teach us what we shall do unto the child
      that shall be born."
(1) Faith in promise.
(2) Inadequacies in self.
b.) Came to woman alone in field. Went after Monoah.
c.) Art thou the man?
d.) "Let the words come to pass" (V. 12).
e.) How shall we order the child?
f.) Woman accept prescribed responsibilities.
g.) Rejected offering.
h.) What is thy name?
i.) It is secret (wonderful).
j.) Offer to Lord, angel did wondrously.
k.) Ascended in flame.
l.) Die because we saw the Lord.
m.) Wife shows otherwise.
n.) Bore Samson (sun).

II. If I were a parent, I'd see 1st my house is in order.
A. I want the child.
B. I want the child to accomplish something, therefore I'll help.
C. I want a trusting & helpful companion - temperate in all things.
D. I want to ever honor God in word & worship.
   God never leaves us alone.
E. I want to be able to draw strength from my companion.
F. Self restraint - pay the price.

III. On the arrival of the child.
A. What are his enemies? Movies #1, Music, Hagan, Fish #1 1/2.
B. What/who are his friends?
C. Toward what will I point the child?

IV. If I were a parent:
A. Train him for service from birth.
B. I want him to move into mainstream - not be a hermit.
   2. Amplius #3.
C. I'd see the 1st responsibility in training to be mine.
   1. Not teachers.
   2. Not peers - but me.
D. In view of this, there are certain requirements of me.
      a.) Obedience of faith.
      b.) Prayer.
      c.) Respect.
      d.) Remember its Freudian psychology that brain-washed us into believing only the 1st 7 years are learning time - false - you continue a positive influence.

Eph. 6:4 "And ye fathers, provoke not your children 2. It takes time! Lots of it. Unhurried time.
   a.) Smother as preschool & starve as teens?
   b.) Degrading to be told "I'm too busy."
   TV Clip #4.
3. For the teen, don't monopolize the decision making process.
4.
Eph. 5:1 "Be ye followers (imitators) of God. 
(Read thru V. 6).
Eph. 6:4 "Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath.
   a.) Grandma spectacles #5.
4. Do they know I love them.
   a.) Communicate it.
   b.) Respect their privacy (Rubber Heels #6).
   c.) Can they be allowed to make a mistake, be
different (Jelly shoes).
   d.) Express feelings.
   e.) Love adds chocolate #7.
5. Yet provide limits - cults do!
   a.) Boundaries of the playing field.
   b.) You are given authority (don't sass Mother).
   c.) Experience consequences of Behavior.
6. Human models that share values are impressive -
   parent above all! Cox quote #8.
   a.) Is there a change in moral values - sex change
to some has occurred - they no longer think
it's wrong!
   b.) Can you convey your values?
   c.) Kitchen smell #9.
7. Offer encouragement.
Heb. 10:24-25 "Let us consider one to provoke unto
   a.) Pressure.
   b.) Guilt.
   c.) Goals.

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Mr. & Mrs. Hugh House - Alton.
A loser is a guy who thinks opportunity is knocking, but it’s his mother-in-law moving in.

Imagination: Something that sits up with Dad and Mom the first time their teenager stays out late.

Movies today are absolutely terrifying. I went to one the other day and have never seen such violence nor heard such terrible language — and that was just waiting in the ticket line.
Walter Hagen, as canny a golfer who ever played the pro tour, employed wile as well as skill to defeat his challengers.

During one match, he and his opponent were even as they came up for the 18th hole. Both sent drives straight down the fairway, the balls landing within inches of each other. Hagen stepped back, while his opponent studied his lie and tried to decide which club to use for the approach to the green.

Then, with a seemingly instinctive motion, Hagen pulled a club out of his own bag, and held it in readiness. The motion was not lost on the other player. If that was the club the Hague was going to use, then that was the club for him.

He told the caddy to give it to him. He lined up the shot and sent the ball sailing past the green.

Hagen, with a “they’ll fall for it every time” shake of the head, returned his club to his bag, selected another, and lobbed his ball within inches of the cup.

First fisherman: “What makes you think this lake is polluted with dioxin?”

Second fisherman: “Your fish is already cooked.”

Coach Fred Shero: “An oak tree is just a nut that held its ground.”
Twelve Things to Remember
1. The value of time.
2. The success of perseverance.
3. The pleasure of working.
4. The dignity of simplicity.
5. The worth of character.
6. The power of kindness.
7. The influence of example.
8. The obligation of duty.
9. The wisdom of economy.
10. The virtue of patience.
11. The improvement of talent.
12. The joy of originating.

Marshall Field
It is said that Michael Angelo one day visited the studio of the young painter, Raphael. Not finding anyone there, he left without mentioning his name as a caller. Before leaving, however, he did nothing that changed the career of Raphael. He took chalk and drew on the canvas under the meager design of the young painter a bold and sweeping line with the word amplius--"WIDER!" Taking this advice, Raphael changed his style to the vigorous and colorful paintings that delight us today.

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TV Wins Out Over Fathers

If American children had to choose between keeping their fathers or their television sets, nearly half would pick the TV, according to a recent study.

That was the answer a group called Action for Children's Television (ACT) got from 42 percent of a group of Boston third-grade pupils it surveyed.

"Television's influence on children is more dramatic than probably anyone suspects," says Peggy Charren, the head of ACT. "It is literally shaping their values and ideas for life.

"The reason so many of them chose their TV set is because they spend more time with it than their fathers," she says.

"Among the things they learn is that violence is a quick way to solve problems and that life's ordeals can be sorted out in a half-hour or hour," she states.

The average American child watches four hours of television a day, says Mrs. Charren, whose group is involved in lobbying for an increase in the diversity and quality of network programming for youngsters.

Adds Mrs. Charren: "If most of our librarians stocked the shelves of the children's section with books similar to the Saturday morning television fare, they would almost certainly be fired immediately."

The average family consists of a father, mother, two children and a television repairman.
Grandma's Spectacles

"Wouldn't you hate to wear spectacles all the time?" asked a small boy of his playmate.

"No-o," answered the playmate slowly, "not if I had my Grandma's kind. You see, she sees how to fix a lot of things, and sees a lot of things to do on rainy days; she sees when folks are really tired and worried, and she always sees what will make 'em feel lots better.

"She always sees what you meant to do, even if you don't do things just right. I asked her one day how she could see that way all the time, and she said it was the way she has learned to look at things as she grew older. So it must be her spectacles."
The Smell of Love

Leaning down to kiss her six-year-old son, a mother asked him how he liked her new perfume. “It’s nice, Mommy, but I like the one best that smells like the kitchen.”