

The Happy Home Is Undergirded With Love

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1Corinthians 13:4-8

“Love suffers long and is kind.” Patient if necessary, be taken advantage of. Forbear and not critical. Encourage; not nag or retaliate.

“Love envies not.” Never a competitive spirit. Face the world united in purpose and desires. Don’t let jealousy eat at your heart and at the heart of your home.

“Love does not parade itself, is not puffed up.” Not arrogant or conceited or proud. No superiority complex. No bragging.

“Love does not behave rudely.” Not rude, discourteously, boorish or pouting. Not flying off the handle.

“Love does not seek its own.” Not selfish, self-centered or seeking own rights. Our interest, not my interest. Not thinking “Why doesn’t he do this to make me happy?” but “What can I do to make him or her happy?”

“Love is not provoked or irritated.” Not grouchy about failings of faults of the other. Having patience without losing one’s temper.

“Love thinks no evil.” Does not indulge in self-pity or holding grudges. Does not brood over slights and injuries. See Philippians 4:8.

“Does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth.” Not glad about or drawing attention to the failings of the mate. “You’re not so perfect.” Emphasize good and shield against bad.

“Bears all things.” Withstand anything for mate. No resentment or bitterness.

“Believes all things and hopes all things.” Put best construction on everything, facing facts and looking on the bright side. Having faith not suspicion. Not giving up.

“Endures all things.” Withstands whatever it must and fidelity to the end. Courage in the face of disillusionment.

“Love never fails.” Weathers all storms. Never terminates. Will endure throughout time and eternity.

Children Learn What They Live

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn. If he lives with hostility, he learns to fight. If he lives with fear, he learns to be anxious and insecure. If he lives with pity, he learns to feel sorry for himself. If he lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy. If he lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty.

If he lives with encouragement, he learns to be confident in himself and his abilities. If he lives with praise, he learns to be appreciative. If he lives with acceptance he learns to love. If he lives with approval, he learns to like himself. If he lives with godliness he lives with hope.

A Moments Wisdom on Parenting

--My father could talk it, and, by the grace of God, he lived it. He had not only a talking but a walking knowledge of the Scriptures.

--What a father says to his children is not heard by the world, but it will be heard by posterity.

--The Christian renewal will take place only if the father, the head of the Christian home, regains effective spiritual leadership.

--This is the true nature of home – it is the place of peace; the shelter, not only from all injury, but from all terror, doubt, and division.

--Live in such a way that your children can look to you as an example, not an object lesson.

--Training a child to follow the straight and narrow way is easy for parents. All they have to do is lead the way.

In the Face of Need

"But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves? And he said, 'He who showed mercy on him.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:33-37).

Recently, someone mentioned that they were riding on a plane from Miami, on which there were 65 psychiatrists traveling home from a convention. During the flight a woman became ill and mentally upset, yet none of the doctors offered to help. The plane had to put down in Nashville so they could take the woman to the hospital. He mentioned, "Life is like that. There is a great deal of intelligence and expertise in this world; but, many times it is of no help in the face of human needs."

Sadly, the response of many Christians is often the same. They see needs, both physical and spiritual, but sit idly by, all the while assuming they are guiltless. What we need today is more Christians who are truly like the good Samaritan.

A Moments Wisdom

- The hard part of making good is that you have to do it every day.
- Stopping at third base adds no more to the score than striking out.
- Keep trying. It's only in the valley that the mountain seems so high.
- The great question is not whether you have failed, but whether you are content with failure.
- Personality has the power to open doors, but character has the power to keep them open.
- What we do for others, we do for ourselves.
- He who pities another remembers himself.
- Wishing consumes as much energy as planning.
- Politeness is to the heart what warmth is to the wax.
- Anyone can be polite to a king; it takes a real gentleman to be polite to a beggar.