

**REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR IN THE  
DAYS OF THY YOUTH**  
(Eccl. 12:1)

YOUNG PEOPLE NEED:

- A. Parents to Love Them.
- B. A Cause to Serve.
- C. A Set of Values to Follow.
  - 1. God, Christ, Bible, Heaven.
  - 2. Value Standard For:
    - (a) Home.
    - (b) Business Relations.
    - (c) Community - Social Involvement.

Guidelines For Rearing Children

Each family must work out the patters of their own relationships. No two families would be alike. We would commend to your family, however, the following ten guidelines for parents as children grown through the first twelve years of life. These have been extremely helpful to us.

- 1. Remember that every child needs two Christian parents.
- 2. Help your child learn about limits.
- 3. Help your child learn that every action has consequences, some happy and some disappointing.
- 4. Allow each child to be an individual, and never compare him with others.
- 5. Never promise or threaten that which you do not intend to carry out.
- 6. Offer authentic manifestations of love, not just superficial ones.
- 7. Teach your child basic principles of leadership.

8. Do not condone the faults of your children through a misguided sense of loyalty.
9. Be careful always to be a good example.
10. Teach your children that God loves them and that they can have a close relationship with him.

### CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.

If a child lives with fear, he learns to be apprehensive.

If a child lives with pity, he learns to feel sorry for himself.

If a child lives with jealousy, he learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with encouragement, he learns to be confident.

If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.

If a child lives with praise, he learns to be appreciative.

If a child lives with acceptance, he learns to love.

If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.

If a child lives with recognition, he learns it is good to have a goal.

If a child lives with fairness, he learns what justice is.

If a child lives with honesty, he learns what truth is.

If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith in himself and those about him.

If a child lives with friendliness, he learns the world is a nice place in which to live.

--Author unknown.

Each family must work out the patterns of their own relationships. No two families will be alike.

*THAT LITTLE BOY OF MINE*

To get his goodnight kiss he stood  
Beside my chair one night  
And raised an eager face to me  
A face of love alight.

And as I gathered in my arms  
The son God gave to me,  
I thanked the lad for being good,  
And hoped he'd always be.

His little arms crept around my neck,  
And then I heard him say  
Four simple words I shan't forget -  
Four words that made me pray.

They turned a mirror on my soul,  
On secrets no one knew.  
They startled me, I hear them yet;  
He said, "I'll be like you."

AMEN!

AS THE TWIG IS BENT

I took a piece of plastic clay  
And gently fashioned it one day;  
And as my fingers pressed it still  
It shaped and yielded to my will.

I returned when day was passed;  
That piece of clay was hard and fast.  
It still that early imprint wore,  
And I could change it nevermore.

I took a piece of living clay  
And gently formed it day by day.  
I molded with all my power and art  
A young child's soft and yielding heart.

I returned again when days were gone;  
He was a man, I looked upon.  
He still that early imprint wore,  
And I could change him nevermore.

### A FATHER'S PRAYER

Dear God, my little boy of three  
Has said his nightly prayer to Thee;  
Before his eyes were closed in sleep  
He asked that Thou his soul would keep.

And I, still kneeling at his bed,  
My hand upon his tousled head,  
Do ask, with deep humility,  
That Thou, dear Lord, remember me.

Make me, kind Lord, a worthy dad,  
That I may lead this little lad  
In pathways ever fair and bright,  
That I may keep his steps aright.

O God, his trust must never be  
Destroyed, or even married by me;  
Let Christ in all my actions shine,  
To guide this little lamb of Thine.

So for the simple things he prayed  
With childish voice so unafraid,  
I, trembling, ask the same from Thee;  
Dear Lord, kind Lord, remember me!

—Anonymous.

THE TWENTY MOST STRESSFUL THINGS TO A CHILD  
– AS RATED BY THEM

1. Losing a parent
2. Going blind
3. Being held back a year in school
4. Wetting pants in school
5. Hearing parents quarrel
6. Being caught stealing
7. Being suspected of lying
8. Receiving a bad report card
9. Being sent to the principal's office
10. Having an operation
11. Getting lost
12. Being made fun of in class
13. Moving to a new school
14. Having a scary dream
15. Not getting 100 on a test
16. Being picked last for a team
17. Losing in a game
18. Going to the dentist

EMOTIONAL NEEDS

There are people in your life who help you, or hinder you, in meeting your emotional needs. List those persons in each of the following areas and identify them as helpers or hinderers. Then note what your responses mean in terms of how your emotional needs are or are not being met through these relationships.

1. Emotional security, feeling loved no matter what.
2. A sense of belonging.
3. A sense of freedom to be me.
4. The discipline to set limits on myself.
5. Feeling accepted.
6. Having the approval of significant others.
7. Being affirmed.
8. Being independent at times by depending on myself.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR LOVING YOUR CHILDREN

If you follow these ten commonsense commandments, your children are less likely to use drugs than children who are allowed to grow up on their own and have to figure out for themselves such things as how to relate to others and learn problem-solving skills from society.