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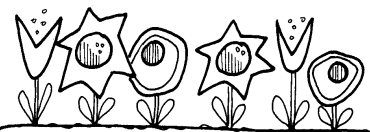
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Noteworthy

Men and Women are foolish to expect more of a harvest than they have sown.



Laura C. Holloway 1883
The Hearthstone or Life at Home

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Hello Dear Ladies!

Time has surely slipped quickly away from me these many months since I last put a newsletter together. Much has happened around our home since that time. My son William and my oldest daughter Elizabeth both made professions of faith in Jesus Christ, I quit my in-home job (for many reasons), and we are now homeschooling two of the children. I have prayed and sought God often during the past year concerning this newsletter. It does take a considerable amount of time and money (about \$125 - \$150. per issue) to produce and mail each issue, though I have never felt right asking for a subscription from any of you. Aside from the funds necessary to get the newsletter, there was also the time-consuming task of making nearly 200 front and back copies of each of the four 11x17 pages, sorting, folding (twice), stapling, and stamping each newsletter. Since my job ended and school started back, I have been short on both money and time.

The solution for continuing to produce this newsletter lies, I believe, in distribution through my web page and updating my mailing list. Through a string of interesting events, I am so happy to say that the LORD provided the software to be able to post the newsletter on my web page! From this point on, I will be able to produce a newsletter, and post it to my web page, allowing you to print out an exact replica right from your own computer. This will save not only money, but time as well. To know when it is available, please visit <http://www.pricelesswoman.com> (my own domain name!), and join the *Vessels Unto Honour* e-mail list. For those wishing to continue receiving the newsletter in their mailbox, please complete the form on the last page and mail it to me ASAP to remain on my mailing list. I have even included an envelope for you with my return address, though you will need to provide a stamp. If I do not hear from you by the next mailing, I will assume that you either no longer

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Child Training and Discipline

by Pastor Arthur F. Kohl

(<http://www.fbbc.com/messages/childtrain.htm>)

I. The Example of the Heavenly Father

Write down your observations of God's actions toward His Children. Also look up any big words you don't completely understand and write out its definition. It's important to do this. Use a dictionary. Use King James Bible AV1611

Deuteronomy 8:5-

Psalms 94:12-

Proverbs 3:11-12-

I Corinthians 11:31-32-

Hebrews 12:5-11-

Revelation 3:19-

II. The Instruction of the Word of God

Write down your observations of God's direction and wisdom in parenting and disciplining children. Again write out the definitions of any words you do not know using a dictionary. The older the dictionary you find the better.

Proverbs 13:24-

Proverbs 22:15-

Proverbs 23:13-

Proverbs 23:14-

Proverbs 29:15-

Proverbs 29:17-

(Add to this list sometime a study on Proverbs 17:21, 17:25, 19:13 and 28:7. Write out your observations on another sheet of paper.)

III. Further Instructions & Common Sense Regarding Child Discipline

1. Child abuse and child discipline are opposites. Discipline is an act of love and concern for the long run of a child's life. Abuse is an act of anger, aggression, disdain of hate.
2. Never discipline another person's child without the express permission or instruction of the child's parents to do so.
3. Never spank a child when angry. Make sure the child knows and understands what they did that was wrong and why they are being corrected. Do not surprise the child. Make it a planned event and something you do as a parent that is intentional and well thought out. Be calm and in control of your self and emotions.
4. Never spank a child anywhere but on the gluteus maximus muscles (buttocks, rear end). Never hit a child on the face, neck, head, back, stomach, chest, front or back of the legs. These could cause injury to internal organs, brain or developing limbs. Never shake a child or grab them by the throat. Be careful when spanking the child that you do not come near the backbone as this is also developing at this stage in life.
5. Use a paddle of smooth wood that is not too thick and has a handle designed to fit your hand so it won't slip. Do not use a belt or razor strap as these may cause welts of open sores. Biblically a rod is a branch or stick or twig from a tree.
6. Try not to use your hands. Reserve these as instruments of love. Only use your hand to slap the back of a child's hand after you have carefully told them not to touch something or throw food on the floor, etc. Never surprise the child with a strike. They will fear you the wrong way.
7. Proper discipline trains the mind of the child that the crime is not worth the correction. You have not disciplined the child enough or incorrectly if they keep committing the crime. When a child begins to make right decisions based on the principle: "The crime is not worth the

correction”, we call that character. We have been successful in our discipline. We have corrected the child. It’s not corporal punishment, but corporal correction we are aiming for.

8. Parenting is more love than it is spanking (although spanking is part of love). But if you find yourself constantly spanking the child over and over again for the same crime there is something wrong in your parenting. Stop! You are doing something wrong. You are either “under-loving” the child or “over-disciplining” the child or improperly disciplining him. Proper discipline and parenting should not discourage a child or make them angry, but broken in will and spirit. They should know and be told that you love them and be told so and also told that this is why you are correcting them.

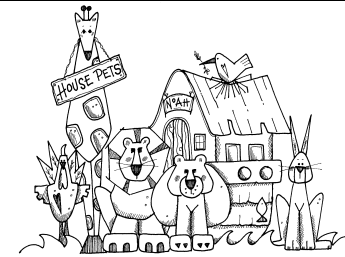
Ephesians 6:4-

Colossians 3:21-

9. Never permit a child to say “No” to you as a parent. This is neither cute nor funny. This is rebellion, period. Nip it in the bud. Stop it immediately. Spank them as often as is needed until their character tells them, “I’m not going to say ‘no’ to my parents anymore, it’s not worth it.” Demand and expect instant obedience. 10. Spank the child on the bare bottom if possible. At least remove the diaper if they are small. There is usually enough power in the snap of an adults wrist to administer a spank that will not be forgotten soon. You do not have to take a full swing like with a tennis racket. Make sure their hands are out of the way. Have them bend over your knee or against a table or chair. Let the number of spanks be done one at a time and deliberately, not fast and furious. Let them “soak in” one at a time. The object is to SAFELY inflict enough pain so the child will decide they will not commit the crime again.

REMEMBER: Successful child discipline is to break the child’s will without destroying the child’s spirit. It is training our child’s mind to instinctively make the right decisions when faced with the prospect of doing wrong.

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If Your Name was in the Bible . . .

What would God have to say about you?

This was a question that came to my mind recently as I was meditating on the book of Job. I was thinking about the chapters I had read on previous days and what I kept recalling was Gods question to Satan: Have you considered my servant Job? Then, God goes on to tell Satan a little about Job: there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil. That, my friends, is quite a testimony!

Others throughout the Bible who have received special mention are Moses, whom the LORD called faithful (Numbers 12:7). In Numbers 14:24 tells us about the LORDs servant Caleb and how he followed the Lord fully. Isaiah 41:8 calls Abraham the friend of God! How about the centurion in the New Testament of whom Jesus spoke these words: Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.? What of Enoch who walked with God and Noah who was a just man and perfect in his generations? Or, David when we learn in 1 Samuel 18:14 that he behaved himself wisely in all his ways! In fact, that is said of him more than once!

Of course, there are those who do not receive praise! Their reward for their conversation is reproach! There are many in the Old Testament who did wickedly in the sight of the Lord, who turned to the left hand or the right hand, or who simply took many matters into their own hands. There are many who acted out of jealousy, lust, and anger! But the difference between them and those who received a good testimony from the Lord is that they did not repent of their ways. Those who walked with the Lord or were full of faith didn’t always live right, that’s for

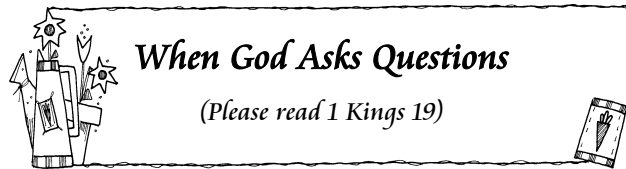
sure! They made their mistakes! However, they responded to the Lords chastening and forsook their wickedness and evil ways.

In my mind and heart I consider my own conversation. I wonder what kind of testimony I am leaving behind wherever I go. Would God want to call Satan before Him and ask Him if he had ever considered His servant Julia? Would God put my name in His word as His friend, faithful servant, faithful one, or one who behaved herself wisely?

What about yourself? What would God say about you if your name were in the Bible?

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Here was a man under a tremendous amount of stress! Jezebel was a wicked, wicked woman who ruled through her husband it seems! Besides that, Elijah felt very alone at the time. It seemed to him as though he was the only one of the children of Israel left to serve the Lord. To him, he felt he'd be better of dead! Instead of inquiring of and trusting the Lord, he just decided to run away from it all. But the Lord lovingly called to him, asking him what he was doing there. Now, do you really think that God didn't know what was going on? Nay.

I've always heard it preached that when God asks a question of man, it is not for His own benefit, but for that of man. Undoubtedly, this is truth, as we know that the Lord holds all wisdom and knowledge. He knows the very heart of every man, woman, and child.

In Matthew 12:25 we read "and Jesus knew their thoughts. . .", and in Luke 24:38 "And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?"

So, what could God's purpose have been in calling out to Elijah? As simplistic as it may sound, I believe that the Lord wanted to remind

Elijah who was really in control, and He wanted to tell him that he was not alone. But more importantly, I believe that God was trying to get Elijah to open up and confess all of his problems to Him . . . to trust in Him! Remember, he just up and fled! He was so full of fear for his life that he didn't take the time to stop and inquire of the Lord. All he could see were his problems, and he allowed this to blind his vision of the Lord. He wanted to go where no one could find him.

I can't say you or I would have done any better than this man of God. We are not any different than he was. Oft times we are troubled, fearful, and depressed as Elijah was, and what do we do? We try to run away from it all instead of turning to God. We want to be alone in a place where no one can find us.

Have you, as Elijah did, ever asked God to just let you die? Sometimes things seem so bad, and you just can't handle any more pressure, so you think, "Just bring me on home, Lord. Things are so bad down here . . . I can't do anything right . . . life is full of vanities . . . everybody's on my case . . ."

All He wants is for you to confess your fears, troubles, doubts, and problems to Him. You know just as well as I that He already knows what is going on in your life. But by confessing all to Him, it shows that we are placing our trust in Him to work it all out.

Hannah is a good example of a woman who had troubles and handled them in the right way. As we know, Hannah was barren, and not only was the poor woman barren, but her adversary was constantly throwing it up in her face.

(1 Sam 1:5 & 6 KJV) But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb. And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb.

Who Hannah's adversary was I cannot say for sure. Possibly it was her husband's other wife who, though she had children, did not have the love that her husband held for Hannah. This woman, Peninnah, was possibly provoked to jealousy because of this, thus causing her to torment Hannah for her lack of children. But, whoever the adversary was, Hannah didn't run away, nor did she sit around and mope about her problems. She

didn't ask to die, and she didn't nag her husband about her problems. She went directly to the Source of all blessing and comfort. Yes, she was sore afflicted in her soul, but she handled it the right way!

(1 Sam 1:10 KJV) And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore

(1 Sam. 1:15) And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: . . .

When she prayed, she just laid it all out before the Lord. In fact, this is the basic precept of weeping sore! And when Hannah was done praying, she went away a changed woman.

1 Samuel 1:18 . . . So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad.

She made her confession before the Lord instead of letting her problems rule and take over her life. She knew who held the answer for her and she went right to the source. The Lord surely did not have to ask Hannah what she was doing hiding out in a cave or out in the wilderness!

So ladies, the next time you are tempted to run away, hide, or flee life's problems, please remember Elijah. All God wanted with His inquiry of why Elijah was hiding out in a cave was for this man of God to confess all to Him. He just wanted his trust.

(Psa 34:6 KJV) This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

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A Wife's Ten Commandments

- ☞ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind; and you shall love your husband as yourself.
- ☞ You shall not make your husband into an idol, but you shall love, honor, respect, and submit to him as unto the Lord.
- ☞ You shall not take your husband's name in vain, through gossip, slander, criticism, complaint, or mockery; but you shall bless him both privately and publicly.
- ☞ You shall work heartily as unto the Lord, and as directed by Him, and your husband, not by your own ideas of what should be done. You shall not be so busy working, however, that you neglect to get alone with God everyday. During this quiet time, you shall pray diligently for your husband. You shall also be willing to put aside work in order to "play" when your husband asks you.
- ☞ You shall honor your mother and father, but you shall not elevate their position or opinions above your husband's.
- ☞ You shall not resent, revile, or hate your husband, but you shall grant him grace, forgiveness, and mercy.
- ☞ You shall not commit adultery, nor shall you think lustfully toward another man; but you shall thank God for your husband and be pleased with him.
- ☞ You shall not steal from your husband. You shall not steal his marriage by threats of divorce. You shall not steal his wife by leaving him alone all the time. You shall not steal his spiritual leadership by taking control. You shall not steal his time by placing unnecessary demands on him. You shall not steal his joy by complaining or moping. You shall not steal his peace by endless nagging. You shall not steal glances from other men by wearing provocative clothes and causing them to stumble. This defrauds your husband of an honorable wife, the other man of pure thoughts, and the man's wife of her husband's faithfulness.
- ☞ You shall not lie to your husband, but you shall speak the truth in love. You shall also practice a quiet and gentle spirit.
- ☞ You shall not covet another woman's husband, her children, her friends, her house, her decorating style, her garden, her looks, her wardrobe, her possessions, her talents and gifts, her ministry, or any other thing that is hers; but you shall be content with all God has given you.

The Sand Box

As I looked out the window today
Where the children like to play,
The wind did bring to my ears
The children's laughter, joys, and tears.

Past, present, and future on my heart,
Then I realized with a start -
All too soon the days will be
When no children the sandbox will see.

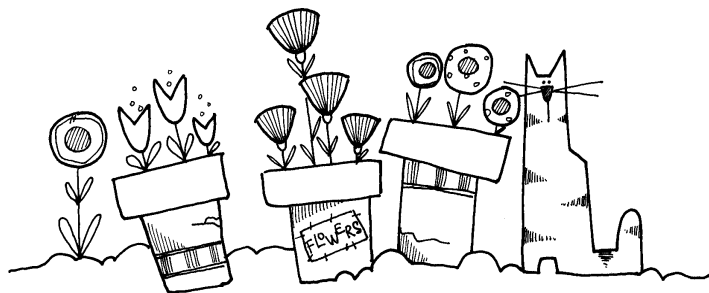
However then shall we fare,
With no noisy children there?
Babies today, grown up tomorrow
Such a thought, potential for sorrow.

But help us, oh Lord, strong to be!
Raising them up in service to thee!
Childhood lasts but a spell,
Happy we'll be if in your presence they'll dwell.

The world needs those who would go,
Spreading the Gospel to those who don't know.
Use them, Lord, send them please,
This is our prayer when on our knees.

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How to Minister to Your Pastor's Wife

(A ministry sadly lacking among our ladies)

- *Respect her family privacy. You don't like it when someone shows up unannounced and your hair isn't combed, there are toys everywhere, the phone is ringing, the baby is crying and smells like he fell into last year's garbage... you get the point! Call first, and ask if this is a good time for her. Maybe she needs a quiet afternoon with her husband!*
- *Don't gossip about her. The pastor's wife is often the brunt of most of the gossip in a church, and it is just plain wrong!*
- *Help her out. Many times there are emergencies, and she and her husband have to be ready to leave on a moment's notice. Offer to finish cleaning her house or making some dinner. Offer to take the kids for an afternoon.*
- *Be a listener. She is probably tired of having to listen to everyone else complain. Give her the chance to vent once in a while. We all need a shoulder now and then.*
- *Be forgiving. Preacher's wives are sinners saved by grace, just like you and me.*
- *Allow her the discretion of saying "no" when she needs to. It is not fair to expect her to head every ladies department in the church.*
- *Be friendly, but not possessive. This is a sure way to stir up jealousy and resentment with the other ladies. Allow her to make friendships with all of the ladies.*
- *Treat her like you would want to be treated in the same situation. You know what they say about walking a mile in someone else's shoes!*
- *Remember to thank her for her role in your congregation and in her home. She takes care of your pastor! She gives up time with her husband so that he might minister to God's people! This includes you and your family!*

(Thanks to my friend Jen for posting this on a bulletin board!)



I Love
you
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*You say the words to your husband, but
do your actions prove it?*

A Challenge!

One thing that I believe we concentrate on too much is any (and, if we're honest, ALL) of our husband's shortcomings. And, of course, when we do this, we fail to recognize his assets.

First of all, make a list of all of the good and wonderful things about your husband. What makes him so very special to you? Write a prayer of thanks to the Father, praising Him for giving you a man with so many wonderful qualities about him. When you've done this, ask His forgiveness for not having concentrated on these things before. Ask His help in being able to think on these things every day. Then, make a list of things about your husband that you would like to see either improved or entirely removed from his life. Please be very honest here. Don't be cruel, but don't hide anything either. We really need to be honest with ourselves. If you can think why, jot down why these things bother you so. When you feel the list is finished, write a prayer to the Father, asking Him first of all to forgive you for all of the times you have allowed your displeasure in your husband to rule your emotions and actions. Then ask Him to be help you be kind, merciful, and compassionate towards your husband in these areas, and to help you with a gentle so that you might by your conversation win him or help him improve in these areas.

Lastly, write your husband a love note. Tell him that you love him very much, AND tell him one of these things that you love most about him (from list #1). Do NOT tell him one of those things you don't like about him :) . . . just tell him you are praying for him every day. Slip the note in his brief case, his coat pocket, his Bible, under his dinner plate, or on his pillow.

What good will this do for you? It will help you focus more on him, and not on your self or your frustrations. God says we are to edify and encourage one another. And shouldn't it begin at home, with our spouses?

Keeping Your Home

Recipes, Gardening, Sewing, Crafting, Tips, Cleaning



My Macaroni and Cheese from Theresa Dunlap

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

3 cups uncooked macaroni (12 oz) -- cooked
1/2 cup margarine
1 medium onion (1/2 cup) -- chopped
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/2 cup flour
3 1/2 cups milk
16 ounces sharp cheese
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
2 dashes Tabasco sauce
Italian Bread crumbs
Margarine

Cook and drain macaroni; pour into an ungreased 9x13" casserole. Set aside. Combine margarine, onion, salt and pepper in saucepan and cook over medium heat until onions are tender. Blend in flour and heat until bubbly - stirring constantly. Stir in milk and heat until bubbling - boil one minute. Stir in cheese, mustard and Tabasco and mix until melted. Pour over macaroni and stir until combined. Melt margarine, stir in breadcrumbs, and cook until lightly browned (butter is absorbed). Sprinkle over top of macaroni & cheese mixture. Bake at degrees for 45 minutes or until bubbly.



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What does it mean? A Word Study of Bible Terms

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

(1 Timothy 2:1 KJV)

- ❖ Supplications ~ to make a humble entreaty (to plead with especially in order to persuade; ask urgently; to make an earnest request)
- ❖ Prayers ~ an address (as a petition) to God or in word or thought; an earnest request or wish
- ❖ Intercessions ~ prayer, petition, or entreaty in favor of another
- ❖ Giving of thanks ~ to accord, yield, or express gratitude (gratefulness - appreciative of benefits received)



Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. (1 Timothy 4:12 KJV)

- ❖ Despise ~ To think against
- ❖ Example ~ A model or pattern for imitation

I realize that this verse was written for a young man in the ministry. However, I believe that it corresponds to that verse for wives of wayward husbands. Just as Paul warned that Timothy should not do anything that would cause others to despise him, neither should our lives cause our husbands to despise us.

1 Peter 3:1: Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; 2: While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

We can be an example to our husbands (and others) by our:

- ❖ Word ~ Motive; speech; communication
- ❖ Chaste Conversation ~ Chaste, clean, pure behavior
- ❖ Charity ~ Love and affection (shown by deeds and actions, not words)
- ❖ Meek and quiet spirit ~ Mild, humble, undisturbed, & peaceable life/mental disposition
- ❖ Faith ~ Trust and confidence in the LORD
- ❖ Purity ~ Modest, chaste, clean, pure life



The Spacious Firmament On High

The spacious firmament on high,
With all the blue ethereal sky,
And spangled heavens, a shining frame,
Their great Original proclaim.
The unwearied sun, from day to day,
Does his Creator's power display;
And publishes to every land
The work of an Almighty hand.

Soon as the evening shades prevail,
The moon takes up the wondrous tale,
And nightly, to the listening earth,
Repeats the story of her birth;
Whilst all the stars that round her burn,
And all the planets in their turn,
Confirm the tidings as they roll,
And spread the truth from pole to pole.

What though, in solemn silence, all
Move round this dark, terrestrial ball?
What though nor real voice nor sound
Amidst their radiant orbs be found?
In reason's ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice,
Forever singing as they shine,
"The hand that made us is divine!"

Joseph Addison

The purpose of this newsletter is to aid, equip, and encourage the Christian (John 3:3) woman in fulfilling her God-given role of wife, mother, and keeper of the home. It is also my desire to see all women grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ. To accomplish the goal of gaining a better understanding of a woman's purpose, Vessels Unto Honour is comprised of many varying features, including, but not limited to: Biblically based articles, Bible studies, recipes, crafts, homemaking ideas, poems, and resources. Submissions are gladly received, and encouraged, but must be reviewed for content as I believe the Lord will hold me accountable for what I pass on to you. If you would like to reprint anything from this newsletter, permission is granted. All I ask is that you notify me that you found something of value to share with others, and proper credit is given. On occasion we use the work of other folks and permission must be sought from them if so noted. There is no cost to receive the newsletter, as the Lord will supply our every need. Please remit your contributions to: Julia Faulkner, c/o Vessels Unto Honour; P.O. Box 72201; Newnan, Georgia 30271-2201. (8/1999)

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