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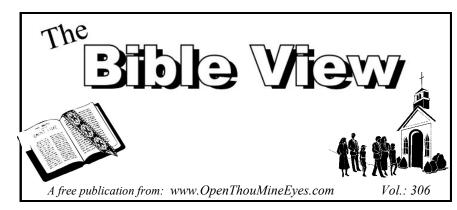
A daughter of wealthy and worldly parents was fond of the world's pleasures and plunged into them with all eagerness. One day she was persuaded to attend a Gospel service. The message affected her, and it appeared as though she wanted to be saved.

"religion," as they termed it, and to return to the world of fashion. When they promised and purchased "the most expensive dress to be had in the shops," she threw

off her concern for her soul and lived only for the world.

In a few weeks she was stricken with a fatal illness. When she was informed that her case was hopeless, she had a maid bring in that beautiful dress and hang it on a post of her bed. Then she summoned in her weeping parents. Raising her hand, she pointed to Her parents urged her to forget the dress and said, "Father, Mother, there is the price of my soul," as she pointed to the dress. A few hours later, she passed into eternity: lost without Christ as her Saviour.

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Asleep on the Job

D. L. Moody

I read, some time ago, of a vessel that had been off on a whaling voyage and had been gone for about three years. It

happened a long time ago.

The father of one of those sailors

had charge of the lighthouse at the time, and he was expecting his boy to come home. It was time for the whaling vessel to return. One night there came up a terrible gale, and the father fell asleep, and while he slept his light went out.

When he awoke, he looked toward the shore and saw there had been a vessel wrecked. He at once went to see if he could not yet save someone who might be still alive. The first body that came floating toward the shore was, to his great grief and surprise, the body of his own boy! He had been watching for that boy for many days. Now the boy had at last come in sight of home, and had perished because

his father had let his light go out!

What an illustration of fathers and mothers today that have let their lights go out! They are not training their children for God and eternity. They do not live as though there were anything beyond this life at all. They keep their affections set upon things on the earth instead of on things above, and the result is that the children do not believe eternity or the things of God are important. Perhaps the very next step they take may take them into eternity without God and without hope, because parents did not help them see the way!

Training Children

Bill Brinkworth

The most important responsibility a parent will ever have is not paying bills, getting a new house, or moving up the corporate ladder in a job. It is rearing properly the children God has allowed them to have. If you are a Christian, your children are your main ministry!

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Continued from Page 1 of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward." Psalm 127:3

God knows best how children should be reared. After all, God has reared billions of children. Our heavenly Father does know better than child psychologists, child welfare workers, day-care providers, and teachers.

The Bible has much to say about how a child should be reared. Here is some of God's advice on rearing children:

Something Children should be trained. Nowhere in the scriptures is the responsibility of training children given to anyone but the parents. Others can assist, but it is the parents that are responsible for the child's training.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Prov. 22:6

Something Children should obey their parents! Those assisting in the education of other people's children should remember this and never encourage a child to disobey or question their parents' authority.

"Hear, ve children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding." Prov. 4:1 "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee."

Exodus 20:12

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right."

Ephesians 6:1

See Children should not intentionally be provoked to anger. Although little Seymour may get mad when he is asked to do something, it should not be the parents intent to purposely offend or make him angry.

"And, ye fathers, provoke not vour children to wrath: ..."

Ephesians 6:4 "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged." Colossians 3:21

See Children should be educated by reading and feeding on the Word of God and taught to follow its instructions. The thinking that, "I will not force religion down my child's throat; he can make his own decision about 'religion'", is not biblical. If that is how the parent feels, then how is it they do not leave it to the child to decide whether they go to school or not?

"... but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word." Psalm 119:9

Shildren can be saved at a voung age.

"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." II Timothy 3:15 Se Children should be disciplined and corrected.

"Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying." Proverbs 19:18 The longer discipline is put off, the more bent a child will be to do his own will.

"Foolishness bound in the heart of a child: but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him."

Proverbs 22:15 Disciplining a child is hard work that takes much patience. For this reason many children are not disciplined. Another reason a child is not disciplined is that he is not loved. "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes."

Proverb 13:24 "Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul."

Proverb 29:17

Shildren that are undisciplined will bring dishonor and havoc to themselves and their parents.

"The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame..."

Proverbs 29:15

" O fathers and mothers, the ruin of your children or their salvation, will, under God, very much depend on you."

— Spurgeon

Divided We Fall

D. L. Moody

I remember one mother who heard that her boy was impressed by preaching at one of our meetings. She said her son was a good enough boy, and he didn't need to be converted. I pleaded with that mother, but all my pleading was of no account. I tried my influence with the boy; but while I was pulling one way she was pulling the other, and of course her influence prevailed. Naturally it would.

Well, to make a long story short, sometime after, I happened to be in the county jail, and I saw him there. "How did you come here?" I asked. "Does your mother know where you are?"

"No, don't tell her; I came in under an assumed name, and I am going to Joliet for four years. Do not let my mother know of this,"

he pleaded. "She thinks I am in the army."

That mother thought he had died on the battlefield or in a Southern hospital. What a blessing he might have been to that mother, if she had only helped us to bring him to Christ. That mother is only a specimen of hundreds and thousands of parents. If we would have more family altars in our homes, and train them to follow Christ, the Son of God would lead them into "green pastures." Instead of having sons who curse the mothers who gave them birth, they would bless their fathers and mothers.

"Nothing drives people to prayer like parenting."