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(James, "The Christian Father's Present to His Children")

Fathers! Your children are immortal beings! The stamp of eternity is upon them! Everlasting ages are before them! They are like the rest of the human race--depraved, guilty, and condemned creatures; and consequently in danger of eternal misery! Yet they are, through the mercy of God, creatures capable of attaining to glory, honor, immortality, and eternal life. Looking upon them in this light, what should be your chief concern for them--and what should be your conduct towards them?

Fathers! Your children are hastening to either eternal happiness--or eternal torment!

The man who does not make the eternal welfare of his children, the supreme end of all his conduct towards them, may profess to believe as a Christian --but he certainly acts as an Atheist!

Once more let it be stated, and stated with all possible emphasis--that the chief design of this work is to form the pious character of its readers, and to implant those virtues which shall live, and flourish, and dignify, and delight--infinite ages after every object that is dear . . .
to avarice or pride,
to learning or science,
to taste or ambition,
shall have perished in the conflagration of the universe!

It is in the highest degree inconsistent, absurd, cruel, and wicked--for a Christian parent not to be supremely desirous of the everlasting welfare of his children! Let a supreme concern for their immortal interests be at the bottom of all your conduct, and be interwoven with all your parental habits!

Re: He certainly acts as an Atheist! - James - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2008/6/6 2:46

Pointing or leading?

(John Angell James, 1785—1859)

Children have their eyes always upon their parents, and are quick to discern any violations of consistency. If they see us as worldly-minded, as grasping and anxious after riches, as solicitous to be surrounded by splendid furniture, luxurious gratifications, and fashionable habits, as the people of the world--if they see us deceitful, implacable, or malicious--what can they conclude but that our religion is mere sham?

In such a case, of how little service is our attempt to impress upon their minds, those claims which we ourselves 'practically' deny? It were far better for some parents to say nothing to their children about religion, for until they alter their own conduct, their admonitions can produce no other effect than to excite disgust!

It is enough to make every parent tremble--to think what a parent should be! Without a godly example, everything else that we do is most lamentably deficient! As has been often said, it is only pointing them the way to heaven--but leading them in the way to hell!

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2008/6/6 2:53

(J. R. Miller, "Secrets of Happy Home Life")

Home is among the holiest of words.

A true home is one of the most sacred of places.

It is a sanctuary into which men flee from the world's perils and alarms. It is a resting place to which at close of day the weary retire to gather new strength for the battle and toils of tomorrow. It is the place . . .

where love learns its lessons;
where life is schooled into discipline and strength;
where character is molded.

What are some of the secrets of happy home life?

The answer might be given in one word: Christ.

Christ at the marriage altar;
Christ on the bridal journey;
Christ when the new home is set up;
Christ when the baby is born;
Christ when a child dies;
Christ in the pinching times;
Christ in the days of plenty;
Christ in the nursery, in the kitchen, in the parlor;
Christ in the toil and in the rest;
Christ along all the years.

Christ is the secret of happy home life!