

On the Home Front

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Do It Together

A Florida church holding monthly events for the entire family had trouble with parents dropping their kids off and not staying for the events. They remedied the problem with this announcement: *“The Magic of Lassie, a film for the whole family, will be shown Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Free puppies will be given to all children not accompanied by their parents.”*

“Since his life is bound up in the lad’s life” Genesis 44:30

Dangers to Our Daughters

- **65%** of high school senior girls in America have had sex.
- **1 in 5** have had more than four sexual partners.
- **1 in 4** young female college students has had six or more sexual partners.

“Keep yourself pure” 1 Timothy 5:22

Exhortations to Husbands

Read Matthew 19:4–8.

Leave father and mother. By going to a home of his own. By accepting the responsibility as head of his home. Like a New Testament congregation, a home is an autonomous institution.

Cleave to his wife. In true devotion. As a part of his very self. Through all the trials that may come to her. Though tempted by the allurements of business, of male associates, of associates of the other sex. Not as though she were faultless, remembering the common frailties of humanity, including his own.

Love her. How? As he would have her to love him (Matthew 7:12). “Just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her” (Ephesians 5:25–33).

Do not be bitter toward her (Colossians 3:19). Be not bitter in thought, in word, in deed. Because of misunderstandings. Because of her mistakes.

To live with her (Ecclesiastes 9: 9). How? “Joyfully.” How long? “All the days of your vain life.” Divorce is of human origin—the Creator made no provision for it (Matthew 19:18). If the exhortations are heeded, no divorce will be desired. **–John L. Cox**

A Father's Prayer

Last night my little boy confessed to me some childish wrong,
And kneeling at my knee he prayed with tears
“Dear God, make me a man, like Daddy—wise and strong—
I know you can.”

Then while he slept, I knelt beside his bed.
Confessed my sins and prayed with low-bowed head.
“O God, make me a child, like my child here—
Pure, open, trusting thee with faith sincere. **–Author Unknown**

“Be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ” Philippians 1:10