

# Thoughts of Home

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## Be Careful What You Say

One day a little girl watching her mother do the dishes noticed several strands of white hair on her mother's brunette head. She asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?" She replied, "Well, every time you do something wrong and make me cry, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Mama, how come all of Grandma's hairs are white?"

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## Thoughts on Discipline

The child who says, "I will not" to his parents shows disrespect, dishonor, and discourtesy. This child also rebels against the Heavenly Father who commands obedience to parents (Luke 2:51; Colossians 3:20). Parents must teach respect for authority while children are young. If they do not, society may teach it later, but often in a more severe way. A prominent officer said, "Crime prevention should begin in the high chair" (cf. Proverbs 3:12, 23).

At the same time, discipline should not be administered in anger or revenge (Ephesians 6:4). Harsh or unfair punishment is not intelligent (it produces resentment) nor is it Christian (it does not imitate our Father) (Hebrews 12:6–10; 1

Peter 1:16).

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## **Woodrow Wilson's Bible**

The opinion of the Bible bred in me not only by the teaching of my home when I was a boy, but also by every turn and experience of my life, is that it is the supreme source of revelation, the revelation of the meaning of life, the nature of God, and the spiritual nature and needs of man. It is the only guide of life which leads the spirit in the way of peace and salvation. –Woodrow Wilson