

FATHERS' (AND MOTHERS') RIGHTS UNDER ATTACK

APPY FATHERS DAY

In today's politically correct society it is becoming increasingly difficult for

fathers to fulfill their responsibility toward their children, as set forth in Scripture, to "bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). On every hand parental authority is being undermined, while government schools and agencies

step in, displacing traditional Biblical values with secular values. Even the definition of a home or the concept of a mother and father is being trashed. As an example, a few years ago,, in conformance with United Nations standards, a law was passed even effectually banning terms such as "mother and father" or "husband and wife" from California textbooks, because such terms would "promote a discriminatory bias" against "gender". In other words, heterosexuality would no longer be even suggested as the norm. A host of parents, realizing the forced indoctrination their children would be subjected to, began withdrawing their children from government schools. The number of parents opting for home-schooling is rapidly gaining. To stop parents from bringing their children out from under government control, attempts are being made to restrict home-schoolers, requiring them to have state-authorized teacher-registration. Randy Thomasson, president of *Campaign for Children and Families*, said, "The so-called 'public schools' are no longer a safe emotional environment for children. Under the new law, schoolchildren as young as kindergarten will be sexually indoctrinated and introduced to homosexuality, bisexuality and transsexuality, over the protests of parents, teachers and even school districts" (*WorldNewsDaily.com*, Oct. 17, 2007). This past week we learned the University of California has a web site aimed at 4-to-7-year-olds, encouraging them to participate in "sexual play."

Parents are to be no longer the primary guardians of their children. The concept of "It takes a whole village to raise a child" puts our children and grandchildren primarily under the government "village". Globalists would leave parents with little say-so in what to teach or how to train their children. Professor Benjamin Bloom, regarded as "Father of Outcome Based Education," thus defined education: "The purpose of education and the schools is to change the thoughts, feelings and actions of students." Whatever happened to "the 3-Rs"? Professor Philip Vender Welde, in *Global Mandate: Pedagogy For Peace*, wrote, "[U]nless a new faith...overcomes the old ideologies and creates planetary synthesis, world government is doomed.... Nation-states have outlived their usefulness, and a new world order is necessary if we are to live in harmony with each other.... The task of reordering our traditional values (Christian values--RB) and institutions should be one of the major objectives of our schools." The "old ideologies" are obviously Christian in nature, while the "new faith" designed to displace the old is secular humanism. In this era of political correctness, the old Biblical values are out, while tolerance of almost anything else is in; patriotism is out, while globalism is in; traditional Christianity is out, while atheism, humanism, mysticism, Islam, New Ageism and even non-traditional religions are in; and primary parental responsibility is out, while government standards and government control are in. To build the Socialistic "Brave New World" that secularists dream of, it is necessary for them to tear down or at least seriously modify the institutions of the home, the church and the autonomous nation.

This Fathers Day, let us, as Christians, resolve to stand up for the authority of the father in the home while hostile forces seek to erode the foundation of the Christian home. We dare not sit idly by while this happens. We

need to be discerning of what is happening in our world, nation and community, and not be silent. To do otherwise is a betrayal of not only our nation but also of our Christian faith.
—Ron

“THE BIBLE VALUE”

With computer technology today, everything you get says, “Do not staple, bend or fold” because of it having to go through the computer. Paul instructed Timothy in a similar way about how to use God’s word. “*Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth*” (2 Timothy 2:15). The psalmist had an equivalent respect for the Bible as he wrote, “*O, how I love your law! It is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path*” (Psalms 119:97, 105).

Why is the Bible esteemed so highly Why do Christians treasure it?

Emphasis is placed on the Bible as: God’s Word, the Christian’s charter, a storehouse of knowledge, and a light which directs us to Christ. The Bible is all of these and more. The first thing its reader must do is believe it to be God’s infallible Word. It is not just another book. It lights our path on how we must obey God and live the Christian life to inherit eternal life.

For Christians, the Bible is rich in spiritual nourishment. Peter used the figure of “milk” to describe it. “*As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby*” (1 Peter 2:2). In John 4:10 Jesus described the word as “*living water.*” Now the question is, do we drink of this living water every day? Is the Bible of that much value to you.

--Author unknown

FAITH WILL SHOW THE WAY

*In this busy world of ours
Do not lose your way.
Stop to pick a budding flower,
Gather a bouquet.
Pause to hear a robin sing,
Let him sing for you;
Drink the sunshine and the rain
As the lilies do.*

*In this age of strain and stress
Take the time to know
There is courage, there is hope.
Wherever you go,
There is joy in little things:*

*Love which cannot die,
Sunbeams dancing around the door,
Rainbow in the sky.*

*As the days go rushing past
Take the time to dream.
Find a quiet hide-away,
Rest beside a stream.
Guide your soul to sing again,
Teach your heart to pray.
Peace will come to those who seek,
Faith will show the way*

--Viola Berg

JUST WAITING

A family was fishing at a pier. Dad was watching the bobbers while the two sons, ages twelve and three were down playing along the dock.

The older boy was watching his brother, but he got distracted. Three-year-old Billy thought that would be a good time to see if he could reach the bottom. He fell into the water, which was five or six feet deep. The splash alerted his brother who screamed for help. Dad jumped in and swam down but couldn't see anything. Sick with panic, he felt along the bottom. On his way up, he felt Billy's arms locked around a dock post about four feet under the surface.

After prying the boy's fingers loose, the father and son broke the surface of the water and climbed onto the pier. Dad asked him, "What on earth were you doing hanging onto the post so far under water?"

Billy answered in a child's matter of fact way: "I was just waiting for you, Dad!"

Jesus plunged into the dark, gloomy world pm a rescue mission to save us from drowning in sin...a rescue mission for us who are barely hanging on...a rescue mission for us who are lost in the darkness (John 1:14).

--House to House/Heart to Heart

REPORTS ON THE AILING: Boyd Stenger is not doing well, and is pretty much staying in. *** Nadine Ryherd fell recently, and was hospitalized in Indianapolis where her son lives.. *** Linda Cloyd is not able to be out much due to pain. *** Wayne Polk, minister of the church in Shelbyville is much improved and able to eat. *** My doctor has given me permission to use a riding mower to cut grass, but wants me to wait a couple weeks before using a push mower. Can you imagine anyone actually wanting to cut grass? *** Doris still has found little relief for her back pains.