



Education Is Power

By THOMAS E. WILSON, PH.D

A young father living in the suburbs of a large city returned to his home town to purchase a small farm. "I'm returning to the country," he said. "The city is no place for children to grow up!"

The young father failed to recognize an important part of family life; It isn't where children grow up, but how they grow up that matters. Every child grows up with a set of values. Whether those values are worthy or not depends on many factors.

Generally parents are interested in teaching values to their children. No given book can give us specific answers to every problem, however, there are certain principals that can be applied to life's problems and choices. Knowing what is right is not always easy; doing right is even harder. Communicating values and creating a climate in the home in which these values can be nurtured are among the God-given responsibilities and opportunities of parents.

A child learns values through observation, experiences, and reason. From his family primarily, a child forms a standard for living. A child is aware of how his family uses money, how time is used, how family members are treated, and how family members handle frustration. Whether parents are aware of it or not, their children observe their attitudes in good situations and in trying ones. Families model values daily. Priorities become apparent. Children are aware when actions and words do not agree. Consistency is crucial. Parents cannot teach their children what they fail to practice themselves.

Values are taught through conversation as well as by example. Family mealtimes may be the only times most families are together during a day. As children grow older, mealtimes with all family members present

become harder to schedule, but are some of the best times for family sharing. Children should be encouraged to discuss the day's happenings. Parents can listen and comment and often use the discussion to teach values.

Problems, however, should be avoided at mealtime. If a child appears to be unusually quiet or concerned, a parent should make a point to spend some time alone with that child. A parent should make the child feel comfortable and free to ask for help.

Parents can impose a standard of conduct, but a child must accept or internalize those values before they become meaningful to him. Values that are never internalized are forgotten or abandoned once a child leaves home.

Discipline is a part of teaching values. Discipline is more than punishment; it includes guiding and teaching. Effective discipline grows out of a consistent, loving, open relationship between parent and child. To discipline a child is to help him learn. Parents can openly discuss ethical choices with their children in a natural, sympathetic, "unsermonizing" way.

Parents are not the only source of their child's values. Many influences outside the family affect the values of children. Teachers, the child's peers, television, literature, and motion pictures all influence how a child thinks and feels about himself, others, and the world.

The alternatives for dealing with negative influences are insulation or information. A child may be removed or kept from negative influences, but he cannot be removed permanently nor can his curiosity be removed. A child who turns to pornography or drugs may be doing so because of lack of information from home or school or because he does not have an interesting, well-rounded life.

Finally, a parent should be concerned not only about how he teaches his child, but also about what he is teaching.

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Secondary School To Hold Meetings For Public

The Clark County School District appreciates the excellent response to the public hearings being held for the development of a space utilization plan for overcrowded schools.

The Secondary School Double Sessions Committee, which meets Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m. at the Channel 10 Conference Room, 4210 Channel 10 Drive, will hold its September 29 meeting at the Kenny Guinn Junior High School, 4150 Torrey Pines, to better accommodate the community participation. Bruce Miller, CCSD Director of Student Activities, will make a presentation to the committee. Also scheduled to speak are teachers, Phil Cook and Linda Close.

The October 6 meeting will be held at Cannon Junior High School, 5850 Euclid Ave., also at 7:30 p.m.

On October 13, the 7:30 p.m. meeting will resume at the Channel 10 Conference Room. The agenda will include a presentation of proposals by Cannon Junior High School principal, Lou Silvestri and Guinn Junior High School principal, John Vanderburg.

The Elementary Year Round School Committee will continue to meet Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m. through October at the Education Center Cafeteria, 2832 E. Flamingo Road.

The Elementary Double Sessions Committee will continue to meet Thursdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m. through October at the French Elementary School, 3225 E. Hacienda.

The Special Emphasis Programs Committee will continue to meet Tuesdays, from 7 p.m. through October at the Channel 10 Conference Room, 4210 Channel 10 Drive.

All interested persons are welcome to attend any or all of these meetings. For additional information on any meeting, citizens are urged to call 736-5304 or 737-1010.

p.m. until. The dance will be held at the Continental Hotel, Flamingo and Paradise. Donation is \$5.00. All proceeds will go to the NABSW Scholarship Fund. Western wear requested.

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Gene Collins

Democratic Candidate for State Assembly



"Sincere thanks" from my family, my campaign team and me to the citizens of District No. 6 who voted for me in the Primary Election.

Your vote not only represents a demonstration of your confidence in me, but also makes an important statement on the need for change and responsible government in our community leadership.

We need you to bring this commitment for change to the polls on General Election Day, November 2, 1982. Help us to secure the victory by multiplying your vote with your family and friends who want to see government serve the needs of our community.

I reaffirm my commitment to you and our community. Join me in making this commitment real for the citizens of District No. 6 by voting for me on Nov. 2.

Sincerely,
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