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What is the duty of Parents with regard to their children's marriage? One of the most strongly established principles by which the human mind is swayed, is that subjection which from our earliest