

For the same reasons, I would encourage refined manners, not only in society, but in the bosom of the family. "Why do this among those who know each other so well?" you may ask. I reply, if they are gentle and respectful at home, they will surely be so abroad. To thank others for favors, when we are accustomed to thank husband or wife, father and mother, brothers and sisters, every day, becomes easy, almost unavoidable. Let there be politeness at your own table, and your children will show it everywhere else. If it be assumed only on certain occasions, their manner will be stiff and embarrassed; but let it be common every hour, and at every meeting in the family circle, and you will see in them at all times the true gentleman and the true lady.

By politeness I do not mean artificial, still less affected, manners. It is not Chesterfield, but Paul, I would set up as a model in this respect. "Whatsoever things are lovely" are closely connected with "whatsoever things are of good report." Teach your children gentle manners, and you do much to give them kind feelings. "St. Paul," it was once said, "was a finished gentleman." This is true; he had a benevolent heart, and a great knowledge of human nature, and these two things are the basis of genuine politeness. A child, by being courteous to his parents, gains an insight of other persons' feelings, and he also acquires the habit of consulting other persons' happiness. Let your daughter be civil to brother and sister, or let your son be gentle to every inmate of your family, and they will become so to all out of the family. Christian politeness will then be with them "a second nature."

I know of no better illustration of the power of right training than its effect on a child's control of his appre-