

wounded hands, or His bleeding feet, or His sorest heart, He would answer, "Those with which I was wounded in the house of My friends." We must learn to welcome Christ at all hours and in all circumstances. To His friends He may sometimes need to come with stern, sharp knock, when there is forgetfulness, and confusion, and noise in the house, and when conscience starts at the sound; only let them rise and go to the door and bid Him in! He may come when we are ashamed to let Him see who sits in the seat in our hearts which once was His; but turn Him not away—open the door and let Him come in. We may have grown careless about His presence when the house was full, and when all was bright in our home, but let us look round the room and remember that sooner or later our house will be left unto us desolate, and let us not be like those of old who forgot to welcome Him until death and sorrow opened the door. Only let us learn to interpret the Saviour's call, and let us learn to respond to it immediately! Only let us open the door, no matter what disorder or shame may be within! Jesus' coming in puts all things right and does all things well. If any man but open the door, "I will come in and will sup with him, and he with me."—Rev. Armstrong Black, "The Evening and The Morning."

### **The Bias of the Home**

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How soon the children can speak the language spoken in the home! Who can tell how soon they began to be influenced by that language? It would be foolish to think that language was the only home influence that was affecting them. Very soon their characters take a decided bias which indicates the direction of development unless arrested by some powerful influence. "The child is father to the man." This bias is not the result of choice on the part of the child, nor of choice on the part of the parents. The parents may desire the bias to be in a far different direction, and for

this purpose they have family prayers and attend church and have the children regularly at Sunday School, but the bias is given not according to the desire of the parents but according to their lives. As the parents are, the children are. If parents are not what they ought to be, they will find their children one day what they do not want them to be.

I do not know any stronger motive for holiness in parents than the effect on their children. Christians are "the salt of the earth." Salt preserves only what it touches. Where should the preserving power of Christian parents produce better results than in the home? Christians are the light of the world. Where can parents shine with greater warmth and brightness than in their home? Where ought the heaven to work so effectively as in the Christian home. If results are to be secured in the children, parents must glorify God by holy living. A masked life will not do. It is like a painted flower to the bee, a painted fire to the freezing man. Children will not be deceived by it, and the Holy Spirit will not use it for any spiritual purpose. The command to fathers to bring their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, is a peremptory call to holy living.

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The scholars in many of the schools have already begun to use the Century Fund Souvenir Savings Banks. Why should not every child in the Church have one? The children take delight in collecting money in this way. It is an education. One little tot who had been promised a box for the next Sunday asked with a puzzled face "What is the Century Fund?" and the way was opened to a lesson on what it is and why we are just now making special gifts. All very elementary, of course, what God has done for us in the hundred years gone and what we ought to do for God in the time to come; but a useful lesson, and all the more memorable because connected with the saving and the giving of the pennies.