

# The Value Of A Good Home

**The oldest institution in the world is the home.** It had its beginning in the garden that the Creator God planted in Eden for Adam and Eve.

**Consider what the home is -** A refuge from trouble, a harbour for us in this storm-tossed world, a resting place to which we may return when weary and oppressed by a world that has been too much for us, a focal point around which our kindest thoughts gather.

However humble its furnishings, however modest its size, there is always room for the heart, its richest and most beautiful appointment.

**So perverse is human nature, that we may come to accept our childhood home as a matter of course and forget for a time what a treasure it was.**

Yet though we have strayed far from its precincts the time is sure to come when we remember it again with tender yearnings and regrets.

**Let illness visit us or some heavy blow fall on us to shake our confidence and stagger our mind, then in a flash we will remember our childhood home.**

**Then will the loved faces smile once more and voices that have been so long silent will be heard as plain as in former days.**

In a moment the years roll back in our memory and members of the little family group from which we have been separated so long by miles and years will laugh together again.

**We know then, and confess, how precious was the time we spent at home with our own people in peace before the adult lust for treasure or fame had lured us out into the wide world.**

**Proverbs 22:6** [New King James] *“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”*

**Impressions gained in childhood have greater power to shape our lives than anything we may learn in later years.**

**It is vitally important that our homes are preserved, for a nation is only as strong and united as the families in their individual homes.**

**No government can substitute for the care found in a loving family unit.**

**Fathers and mothers make homes, nothing else can. Social workers cannot love and cuddle a baby, nor kiss a bruised knee, nor hear a child’s prayer at the end of the day.**

If the home is the oldest institution on earth, the Christian Church is the loftiest, and historically there has always been a close relationship between the two.

The family that is part of a Christian fellowship is the family that is most likely to hold together.

**Police and juvenile authorities agree that the best guarantee against moral delinquency among young people is a loving home background and good religious training.**

In addition to the saving gospel message, there is heard from Christian ministers instructions in righteousness, the value of honesty, purity and truthfulness along with the superiority of the home as a training area.

**No child should be deprived of the advantages they bring.**

Parents who desire the best for their children should not overlook the nurturing of both home and Christian church.

Above all parents should put their trust in Jesus Christ and set a good example, based on His teaching, in the home.

You will never regret that you did.