

Have Our Daughters Been Deceived?

It is hoped that this little pamphlet will aid pastors, parents, and all who have the privilege to influence our young women. It is to these Christian leaders we must look if we are to snatch our daughters from the jaws of this secular world. If we are to succeed, we will have to redirect the way women view their position in the home.

Our Daughter's Changing Role

Over the past fifty or so years, the roles of daughters have been gradually shaped by our secular and somewhat atheistic world. This gradual change of thought in the secular and feminist direction has been so imperceptible and seductive, that virtually no one realized the destructive effect it was having on the family, and ultimately the nation and the world. The saying, ***Wise women can build up a nation, and foolish women can tear nations down***, is an absolute truth which we must all understand and be conscious of. Women have a powerful influence on a society. If you believe this to be an over statement, just read the account of Adam and Eve in Sacred Scripture. And once again in the twentieth century women made decisions that led to a weakening of families and the demoralization of young women.

Our daughters have found that it has become very difficult to be a young woman today, thanks in great part to the militant feminist movement. Our young girls are confused as to where and how they fit into modern society. Even in their own families, there is this uneasiness as to where they fit and how they should live out their role as part of the family. The question, "What do you expect of me?" is a very relevant question asked by young daughters today.

In the past, young girls married at an early age. Today, however, young women are staying single longer, many into their late twenties, thirties, and even forties. Some never marry. This has created an extremely unhealthy situation which leads most young woman into a life of sexual immorality, which in turn causes pastors to avoid, or completely ignore the sin of fornication. What was once called sin is now looked upon as *no big deal*. Even parents, the people God has put in charge of the family to govern and protect and lead the children in the ways of holiness, have looked the other way and minimized the sins of their children. ***I, for my part, am not convinced that God has changed His mind on this.*** The words of Christ keep coming to mind. "If your brother sins, and you don't tell him, the sin is yours." Statements like this tend to make one wonder if we may not have departed from what Christianity is all about.

I once saw, what I would refer to as a sacrilegious birthday card. It read, "Christ died for our sins, so let's go out and enjoy them." Sin might be enjoyable at the moment, but it has long term consequences both in this life and, more importantly, in the next.

The Worldly Advice to Daughters

What our daughters are being told, is that success is measured by the amount of money you make, how high you go up in the company, how expensive an automobile you drive, or how big a house you are able to afford. The pursuit of fame, power, prestige and, of course, a college degree are the things that ***really*** matter. The mothering of children and the dedication to the husband are completely absent in the secular education, unless it is to degrade and demean it. Is there any wonder why the divorce rate keeps climbing?

With the pressures from the news media, magazines, youth groups, family, friends and even pastors, to conform to the world's plan for young women, their hearts and minds are truly in turmoil. In all the confusion we have forgotten, or maybe rejected, God's loving principles for our daughters.

If a young girl would ignore all the stereotypes, both from the left and from the right and look only to Holy Scripture, how would she conduct her life?

College

In speaking to young girls, it is easy to see that they are, with few exceptions, all being pressured into going to college. This is not only being done by our atheistic and worldly society, but sad to say by moms and dads, grandmothers and grandfathers. This kind of pressure leaves the young women with little option but to go to college.

We are losing our young people. Somewhere between 75% and 88% of our youth by the end of their freshman year in college, have lost much of their Christian faith. Yet, most Christian parents are pushing their children to go to college and therefore causing their children's loss of faith. And for what? To get a degree, to get a job, to make lots of money, then to spend all the money, then to get into financial difficulty, then get a divorce. They end up broke, divorced, educated failures. They got their degree from the university, but failed in life because they were not educated in Christian principles. Can one be truly educated if they do not know how to live life? I think not. For they are not only uneducated, but are to be most pitied, for they miss out on the joys God intended for those who follow His precepts.

To quote one young woman: "It's just expected by everyone that we will go to college. Not to do so would be regarded as crazy." One wonders if these mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers, aunts and uncles know what takes place on the vast majority of college campuses today.

With virtually no one defending the beauty and dignity of being a wife and mother, there is little wonder our daughters are rushing headlong into lifestyles and careers that will not only destroy their chances of ever having a happy family, but is likely to cause them to lose their immortal soul.

I recently viewed a program which discussed the value of daughters staying home after graduating from high school. These young woman decided to try following the Scriptural ideal of family. This was brought about by a desire to follow Christ more closely and to study Scripture more fervently in an effort to discern what God had to say about life, and family life in particular.

Obedient Daughter

Jasmine, a sixteen year old, decided to alter her ideals for her future. She found herself struggling with what she called, the double minority problem. Jasmine, being a black woman, and an extremely intelligent black woman, felt that she had something to prove. Because of her intelligence she was aspiring to become someone important. She desired to be a person who could walk into a room and say, "Look at me, I am a woman, and I am black, and I am important; I am a success; I made it."

This ideal started to change after she and her father, Dr. Voddie Baucham, PH. D. began studying Sacred Scripture in an effort to discern Jasmine's role in life and in the family. As she and her father studied Scripture, she came to the understanding that obedience to her father was what God desired for her. She also realized that there was much more contentment in the home when she became a loving daughter of her father and not his rival.

Dr. Baucham is a renowned Bible scholar as well as an author. In a televised interview he stated, "Scripture does not command the woman to become independent—it commands women to be submissive. Why, because part of the curse in Genesis chapter 3 was that Eve would have the desire not only for her husband, but also for her husband's position. It was part of the fallen nature which was a result of what happened with our first parents that women would have this desire against the order which God ordained toward independence. So for me to foster that in my daughter is really for me to flirt with that very same thing that brought Eve down.

So what I need to foster in my daughter, is not the sin to which she is prone, I need to foster the Biblical pattern that she must learn.

Instead of pursuing an independent career, Jasmin's new objective is to join her family in fulfilling her new career of serving her father while waiting for the man God would send her. Her free and loving submission to her father is great preparation for her eventual submission to her husband." Some young man will be awfully fortunate to get this young lady.

"We allow ourselves to be poured into a mold that somehow says to go out and pour your life into a stranger, in order to build up his industry or business. This pouring out of our daughters into the desires of a stranger somehow equals freedom, equals liberty, equals fulfillment, but to do so with the man God entrusted as her father, it is considered a waste.

Yet, when it comes to a woman like Condoleezza Rice, it is something great; she is a hero. However, that is exactly what she does for George Bush. She commits herself to his vision—not her own. She speaks the words of his agenda—not her own. She submits herself to him and for her to do that somehow makes her a hero, but for my daughter Jasmine to do that for her father somehow calls her into question."

There is a saying: "Common sense is not so common anymore." Mr. Baucham is absolutely right, if a woman works, *out of the home* and is subject to a man *who is not her father or husband* and is getting a *salary*, then this is considered great. However, if this same woman is pursuing the will of God, she is looked upon as foolish. It is sad that this outlook does not come just from the ungodly. It is the prevailing attitude among supposedly good Christians.

CONCLUSION

I would like to leave you the reader with this challenge. Let's at least give our daughters a choice. We allow our children to be exposed to every kind of evil and danger, justified by saying, "You can't protect them from everything." However, when it comes to something good and holy, then all of a sudden we change our wordings to something like this: "You can't force your opinion on someone else." or "You can't live your children's life; they have to decide these things for themselves." Rubbish! Our daughters are being brainwashed at every turn into embracing a lifestyle that will lead them down a road on which heartache and suffering await them. Our young women deserve to be thoroughly educated in the authentic traditional way of life, the way of life that the Church has encouraged for centuries through its interpretation of holy Sacred Scripture. If they choose the world with its painted face, fake smile, and destructive lifestyle, so be it. If our daughters truly have a choice, I believe that most, if they truly know and understand their faith, will reject the world's view of family. My advice to any young person is to seek out those who know Scripture and are truly trying to live by its precepts, someone who not only follows the Biblical principles of married life, but who knows and understands it to such an extent that they can teach it both by their words and example. In other words, you don't go to a person who is broke and lives on handouts for financial advice. One must always seek out those who are successful, and learn from them.

I strongly encourage all young ladies to view the DVD "RETURN OF THE DAUGHTERS". You can purchase it online. Just type in Return of the Daughters DVD.. This program was put out by non-Catholics. However, they only talk about daughters living a Biblical lifestyle and give reasons for doing so. It is in conformity with traditional Catholic teaching, and is extremely well done.

Today many Catholics are ill at ease with the word Bible; I would suppose because Protestants use the word so frequently. However, the Bible is in all truth a Catholic Book, not a Protestant book. What I want to make clear is that it is perfectly all right for Catholics to read the Bible. All we need to do is be sure that what we understand the Bible to mean is in conformity to what our Holy Mother Church teaches.