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Good Behavior at Home Influences Others

Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly. 1 Chronicles 19:13.

The Saviour of the world loves to have children and youth give their hearts to Him.... Through childhood and youth, they will be found faithful disciples of our Lord.... In your earliest years you may be a blessing in the home.

Even through children and youth the light of life may shine upon those who sit in darkness. Then watch and pray, and obtain a personal experience in the things of God. Your parents may teach you, they may try to guide your feet into safe paths; but it is impossible for them
to change your heart. You must give your heart to Jesus, and walk in
the precious light of truth that He has given you. Faithfully take up your
duties in the home life, and, through the grace of God, you may grow
up into the full stature of what Christ would have a child grow to be in
Him....

In childhood and youth you may have an experience in the service of
God. Do the things that you know to be right. Be obedient to your
parents. Listen to their counsels; for if they love and fear God, upon
them will be laid the responsibility of educating, disciplining, and
training your soul for the immortal life. Thankfully receive the help they
want to give you, and make their hearts glad by cheerfully submitting
yourselves to the dictates of their wiser judgments. In this way you will
honor your parents, glorify God, and become a blessing to those with
whom you associate.

We want children and youth to be happy in this life, and to bring all
that makes heaven desirable—a place of peace and bliss—into the
home life. Train yourselves to behave at home, having the fear of the
Lord before you, and it will become habit to behave well when away
from home.... Let love be cherished, and peace, and Christian
politeness, and angels will be your guests.

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