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The Christian Home - God's Purpose for the Children  
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I personally think that probably the greatest need of revival today is in the Christian home. Many times we talk about revival on an individual basis and we talk about revival in church and we fail to realize that what happens in the church is dependent upon what happens in the home.

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And we really need to calm down and place a great deal of stress upon what the Bible has to say about the whole fact. I think that most of the men I know who are traveling around the country holding seminars on the home or having capacity crowds for the simple reason that people want to hear about the

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home. Tim Ways traveling around and doing this now and Howard Hendricks is doing it, and a man by the name of Peterson is doing it and several others. I also know of a radio preacher who took a poll, and he asked his radio listeners to write in the things that they would most like to hear him teach

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and preach about, and the subject that one hands down going away, what they wanted to hear and teach and preach about the whole. I know a lot of pastors would they hold series preaching messages on the home on Sunday night?

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So I have some of their largest crowds because this is a real needy area and people want to know about it. I think my simple outline on the home is this, first of all, we need to realize God's purpose for the whole.

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And that's why did it? Are we convinced that there is a biblical precept that marriage is of the law? We've got to decide if God ordained marriage or not, and I believe he did. Then we've got to decide what is marriage in the light of the word of God?

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Is it just two people deciding to live together, as some people would have us to believe? Is that what marriage is? No, I believe if you studied the word of God that the scriptures emphasize, first of all, that we're to obey the laws of the land.

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And I think that in America, there are three things that constitute a marriage. Number one, they have to be two people who agree that they want to be married. Secondly, there needs to be a ceremony in the light of the laws of the land.

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Thirdly, there has to be a sexual relationship before that marriage is really consummated. I might also say this there are those going around today who are teaching that if anyone has a sexual relationship with the other, another individual, that therefore they are married and they'll quote the passage in the first grade, the it's chapter six, it talks

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about being one flesh. I personally do not accept that. I don't believe this is what the scripture teaches, and I think it's fallacy to teach that I think it causes a great deal of confusion. I certainly believe that the word of God takes a strong stand against fornication and against adultery.

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But I do not believe that a sexual relationship constitutes a marriage. Then I think as we realize the purpose in the home, the main thing is that God's purpose for the home is that it is to glorify him.

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It's appropriate that the reason he made us as the reason for the state and the church and the home is that it can bring glory to him. Now I think also that there are several things that in our end to this bringing glory to him.

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Believe it or not, God created the home and the design for the home so that the husband and wife could have companionship. No husband is really complete. No man is really complete until he has the wife of God's choosing, and no wife is really complete until she has the husband of God's choosing.

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And I think that there are times when people perhaps work hard to be single and never married. But I personally think that is rare. I really do. In the light of first Corinthians Chapter seven, I believe that Paul is saying many people use first Corinthians seven to say that this teaches that it's better to be single than

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to be married. You have to read that in the light of its context, they were living under times of persecution and in the times of persecution, he says. It's it's harder to live for the Lord and to escape persecution when you're married, but that's only natural.

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But I don't believe that this is a pattern that's to be for everyone to say, Well, I'm not going to get married because I can be more spiritual if I'm not married. I don't think that's a general teaching of the scripture.

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So God created the home. The purpose to bring honor to his name, glory to his name might provide companionship so that there might be a sexual satisfaction. Certainly in the word of God teaches this, and this is to be realized within that relationship between the husband and the wife.

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Also, of course, to establish the home that there might be reproduction, that there might be children. The first command given to Adam and Eve was to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the Earth. And I think we need to realize God's plan for the home.

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How do we actually come about accomplishing his purpose? Well, he has a plan. first of all, he has a plan for the husband. God's plan for the husband is there's one key word. Or perhaps we might say two key words, but probably the one.

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Even more important is that he is to love. Love and the word that is used for the husband. Loving his wife is the word for it's agape. It's that highest kind of love. It's that sacrificial love. That's the word that's used in the New Testament for God.

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So loved the world that he gave God so agape aid the world. He gave the sacrificial love that he gave his son. In other words, the husband has to be willing to die for the wife. The husband's responsibility is loving leadership.

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He is the head of the House. He's the authority in that home, but he's also to do it lovingly loving leadership. The key word in God's place of God's Plan and the home for the wife is submission. This is not to mean

that she's to stop thinking this doesn't mean that she doesn't have any gift that she

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could offer to the to the home or to mankind, but it simply means that the husband is the one who's the head of that home and she must be willing to submit to his leadership. In fact, as I said, I believe it was just briefly last night to the girls, any girls who think they're going to join

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the women's lib movement and get freedom and have their own way and not submit to their husband is the woman is going to end up in bondage because she's going contrary to the plan of God. If you want to have real liberty, then you need to be a submissive wife.

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And then we also have God's plan for the children. And that's what I want us to think about tonight and in the Book of Ephesians Chapter six and the fifth Chapter. God gives us the plan for the husband.

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God gives us to plan for the wife and then the sixth chapter. God gives us the plan for the children. Incidentally, God also in the sixth chapter, gives us the plan for the employer employee relationship. You see, God knows the most important relationships for all of us are the home relationships and then the relationships with those we

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work with and work for, and it's all spelled out in the Book of Ephesians. This is a very, very practical book. Well, in Ephesians Chapter six verse one, it says Children obey your parents and the Lord for this is right.

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Honor thy father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise that it may be well worth the and the town must live long on the Earth. And if fathers provoke not your children to read, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the law.

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Now, the key word for the children is in verse one when God says obey the key word for the fathers. There are two words in chapter and verse four when he says admonition and nurture. In other words, he teaches that the children are to obey and that the parents are to train.

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Now we're going to look at this in detail, but basically the word that is used for children here does not have to do with the baby. It's the same Greek word that's used in Luke, 15, of the prodigal son.

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The prodigal son was called a child, and Luke, 15, so I think we can see that the word of God does not just teach that Junior's nine, ten, eleven years old should obey their parents. I personally believe the scriptures teach that even though you're a teenager, that you still have a responsibility to to obey your parents.

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You may be a college student, but if you're not married as yet, you have a responsibility to obey your parents. The relationship changes after you get married. In other words, the relationship of a husband and a wife supersedes the relationship of parent and children.

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Now you still like to respect them. You still have to honor them. You still are to love them. But for instance, there are many parents make the mistake of building the parent child relationship and not building the husband wife relationship.

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Therefore, when the kids leave home, mom and dad don't know how to get along with one another. That's why many people get divorced after they've been married 25 years because they've been living for the kids. And when the kids are gone, they don't know how to live for one another.

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So always, first of all, build the relationship between the husband and the wife. If you're a good husband, you'll be a good father. If you're a good wife, you'll be a good mother. Work on that aspect of the relationship.

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Then we see that the parents, though, do definitely have responsibility now to the children. In verse four, you notice, he said, the fathers. Now this does not mean that the mother doesn't have anything to do with the training.

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We now actually realize she does. But why is he addressing the father? Because the father is the head. The head of the house, and it's not that the father's to administer all the discipline, the father's to do all the

teaching, but it just means that he is responsible, that it does get done.

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And I think it's good that mom and dad some of the spanking as well as dad. But the main thing here is to realize that why God addresses the father now. The training has to do with two things it has to do with, as you notice.

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Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the law. Training takes on two aspects here. The word for nurture is the word for training by act. In other words, it's the word that has to do with chastening and training by action.

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The word for admonition has. The word means training by word that has to do with just instructing by word of mouth. So these two things are necessary if we're properly going to train the child. We need to decide this that God has put children into a home and that God is using the parrot to train the child

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. He's using the parrot to make decisions for the children. There's going to come a time when every child is going to then make become an adult and make decisions himself. But in the meantime, while he's growing up, God has put that responsibility upon the parents.

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Authority comes into our lives through human authority. We do not put God in this proper place unless we put the proper responsibility upon the children to the parents. I don't think that the kids who show disrespect for the policeman and disrespect for God and disrespect for those in administration leadership have ever been taught proper respect at home

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. It all starts right in the hall. Psalm 127 says load children are an heritage of the Lord and the fruit of the womb is his reward. Children are a reward. They're not a curse. But that song that Psalm says that they are arrows to be sent towards a target.

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And you've got to decide in your home what is the target? What are you training your children for? What are you trying to get them to accomplish in their lives? You know, there was a man man by the name of Glen Clark, who made a good state when he says every child comes into this life with sealed

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orders. It's the parent's responsibility to help the child unseal them. I like that. You know, it says some 20 to six train up a child in the way he should go and when he's old, he'll not depart from it.

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That's it. But you notice it says the way he should go, not the way the parent wants them to go. I remember when my boy was born, a good friend of mine came up a pastor, a man I love dearly.

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Oh, he said, Paul, aren't you so glad here I was in. I guess I was maybe in seminary then, right my first year of seminary, my boy had just been born. He said, Aren't you glad that God gave you a preacher boy?

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I said, God didn't give me a preacher boy. So I don't know what God gave me. He might be a preacher. He might be a businessman. He might be a school teacher. I have no idea what God wants him to do.

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I just want him to do what the Lord wants him to do. I will feel no less of a pair of my boy doesn't preach. I wouldn't want my boy to be of the parade under the pressure that he's got a parade because his dad's a preacher.

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I don't believe God works that way. I want him to do exactly what the Lord wants him to do. I don't want him to be a super athlete and keep beating that into his head because I always wanted to be a super athlete, you know?

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But I think many times this is what happens. The parents are trying to get their children to be what they always wanted to be. And that's not what the verse says. Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he's old, he'll not depart from it.

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It's the way that God has planned for him. Socrates said back in about 450 A.D., if I could get to the highest place in Athens, I would lift up my voice and say what? Me, my fellow citizens, that you turn every stone to scrape well together and take so little care of your children to whom one day

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you must relinquish all. That's a real thought. I. Think when we think about this matter of instruction, looking at it now and the parental responsibility of training the children, I like force, first of all, to look at it positively.

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And this matter of the first word that used here in. And the second word in that idea of admonition and teaching them by word and teaching them, of course, by example, I believe we have a preventive type of discipline and training.

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Paul H. Dixon

And then there's also a curative type of training. And we ought to emphasize preventive, first of all. And then if we need to apply the cure all, we'll have to do it. But the preventive aspect of it is, first of all, we need to train and educate.

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I believe we ought to be willing to challenge our children mentally in every possible way. That's a responsibility of a parent. I think we have a responsibility to look after them physically. That is to say that they eat the proper foods and to see that they get the proper rest and see that they stay clean and they

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brush their teeth. I really had a rough time a few months ago. My boy, you know, we emphasize this thing of brushing the teeth, and he doesn't really do a good job of it. When he does, he just kind of hits them a lick or, you know, and just takes off and gets a little toothpaste his mouth

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and swirls it around. It doesn't really work him over good, and they don't look real light. And you know, I do brush my teeth quite a bit. And so we go to the dentist and I have, I think it's one or two cavities.

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And I say, Scott, how many cavities do have none? So I tell the dentist, I say, When you are running me, this kid doesn't brush the state and he gets no cavities and I brush mine. I get to know, how do I teach him?

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You know that he's supposed to brush his teeth. But this is our responsibility to look after the kids physically. Then we also, I think, have responsibility to instruct them socially as Christians. This is just



so much of responsibility under the word of God, I think got to teach him about table manners.

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We ought to teach them about dress. We ought to teach them about being courteous. We ought to teach them to work. God never bless the lazy Christian. God never used a lazy Christian. I think the kids around the house all have responsibility.

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They all have chores to do the kids. The girls ought to have some things to do and the guys ought to have things to do. And I think it's good. I'm glad that I've met a lot of fellows around the campus.

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Paul H. Dixon

They're having to work some day to go through school, and some of the gals are having to work to help their husbands get through school. And I tell you this when you have to work to pay for your education, you appreciate your education.

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And I think the parents have a responsibility to encourage their children to get out there and work. Someone might say, Well, how is a guy going to really get straight A's if he's in there in a classroom for half a day and then he's out there working, you know, digging some ditches or working with the telephone company

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or something? How was he going to get straight A's? Well, he might be better off to get CS and learn what it is to work with his hands. He might be better off to get some lower grades and to find out that life is more than just getting a nose in a book.

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Paul H. Dixon

Now that's just my philosophy about it, but I believe that we ought to teach kids to work. And then I also think we have a spiritual and a moral responsibility as we're training them. We ought to teach them truthfulness.

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We ought to teach them what faith is. We ought to teach them modesty. We ought to teach them what it is to regulate the TV. We ought to teach that there are some things you watch on TV and there are other things you don't watch.

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Paul H. Dixon

And there are times when things come up that you're well prepared and they're there and you know how to turn the dial. You teach them what good reading is and you teach them what good music is. The parent who tries to teach their kid the evils of rock and roll, for instance, when he's a teenager, started too

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late. You start when they're children, when they're children, you teach them the value of good music. And so most people think the generation gap was between a teen and his parents. The generation gap starts when they're kids. That's where it starts.

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They just don't say anything. Then it's when they get to be teenagers that start coming out. So we need to cultivate these things. I think we need to decide as parents, what are our convictions? Why do we believe what we believe?

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Paul H. Dixon

Talk it over. Mom and dad maybe even write it down, then sit down with the kids and talk it over with them and see if they got any questions. I really believe that ought to be some exchange on this thing, you know?

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Paul H. Dixon

Why do we why don't we go to this place? Why do other people do this and we can't do it? And they all understand the principle behind it more than just the fact that we said that you don't do it.

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Paul H. Dixon

And so this is very important. We're talking about training, and I think we ought to establish limits in the hall. I had a buddy who is a pastor, and one day he went up to this psychologist, William Brandt, and he went up to him.

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And he said, Now Dr. Brandt, I, I'm an only child. And he said, I've got these three kids. And they just argue and buzz all the time, so they eat, they sit down to eat and they can eat a meal all the way through that yellow one, another said one man go to the house and the other

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trip, the other just a constant fight. And he said, I want to know what to do. Dr. Brandt looked at him. I guess it's Henry Bran, isn't it? And he said, Well, the first thing you've got to do is stop hiding behind the fact that you're an only child.

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So after he scraped himself up off the ground, you know, he said, What do you mean? And he went on to tell him, You said the first thing you told me was that you were an only child. So therefore you don't understand the relationship of brother and sister and so on, he said.

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Just forget about that. He said, establish limits in your home. You let them know that the next time they argue at the table, they get up and they go to the room and they miss the rest of their supper.

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You let them know that the next time they get into a fight in the house, as soon as that starts, then there's going to be a certain amount of punishment that's going to be given out. And you establish the limits.

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They can only go so far. And as soon as they reach that point, bang, that's the limit and the penalty comes in there. And when you do that, he said, then you stop this. He said, Paul, he said, I started at my house and it just changed our home.

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He said, it's amazing. It works, establishing limits. This is all part of training. A child's desire for freedom runs ahead of his capacity, freedom that you know, that carries on even even into college. one school in the Midwest, a college students were protesting for open dorms, and the one guy and one gal went up to the dean

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and they really cornered him and they said, You don't think you can trust us, do you? He looked at them and said, No. They said, why? He looked at her and said, Because you're a girl. And he looked at him and said, Because you're a boy.

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Paul H. Dixon

Sorry. Matt Rafferty said independence and self-reliance are the last things in the world our offspring need. They're positively bristling with these sterling qualities, like so many adolescent porcupines. And I think that's that's absolutely right. We need to put the restraints upon our young people while they're in the home, 1:14 year old girl said.

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Since my parents started telling me what I can do and what I can't do, it's a big load off of my mind. And anyway, isn't that what parents are for you? You know, most of these kids have gone the way and the rout of

the hippies, and they've turned their back on their parents and the establishment.

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Incidentally, I think so. This is some of the biggest inconsistencies I've ever seen. Kids who will rant and rave about the government and the establishment will stand out there on those interstates, especially out in California. Well, I mean, they are just backed up on those interstates hitchhiking, hitchhiking their way across the country on establishment highways that have

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been paid for by establishment money and riding an establishment card. You know that somebody is having to work and pay for. And yet at the same breath, they're not in the establishment. It just doesn't make sense. But most of these kids who've been interviewed have said this.

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They said, When we get to be parents, we are going to exercise discipline where our parents did. They've said that's where our parents failed. They just refuse to demand of us and put restrictions upon us. They weren't strong enough.

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They are griping because it was too much discipline. But because there wasn't enough. Well, this thing works two ways, works positively and it works negatively. Now there are times when you have to exercise negative discipline. You're trying to train, you're trying to establish some limits you're trying to instruct.

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Like the word of God teaches. But then there are times when the children do not respond that you have to respond and they're not going to interpret it very well. But still, it's necessary. I think a good illustration of some parent who did not respond is Eli and first Samuel.

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Chapter three verses twelve through 14. Eli had some bad sons. I mean, really bad. And God says and first Samuel 3:12. I think I'll start reading with verse eleven, the Lord said to Samuel Behold, I will do a thing in Israel at which both the ears of everyone that here at this shall tangle.

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And that day I will perform against Eli, all things which I have spoken concerning his house. When I begin, I will also make an end run. I have

told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity with Tino because his sons made themselves vile and he restrained them.

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Not. He said, I'm going to judge them. I'm going to judge him because his sons were sinful. They did what was wrong and he restrained them. Therefore, I have sworn under the House of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrificed or offering forever.

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Eli should have acted, God said, and he refused to act. And he said, therefore, he's going to know my judgment. Ecclesiastes, 8:11, says because sentence against an evil is not executed speedily. Therefore, the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

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The secret of a disciplined child is a disciplined parent. You're not going to really be able to exercise the right kind of discipline positively or negatively unless you're disciplined as a parent. And I certainly believe that the end result of all discipline ought to be self-discipline.

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Paul H. Dixon

The idea should be that by exercising the discipline there in the home, eventually the child would be able to discipline himself. I believe that there are many verses that teach us negative discipline. I realize that this is not popular, but just let me give you a few versus the world doesn't accept this, but this is what the

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Bible teaches. first, Timothy Chapter three, verse four, and the Phillips translation reads, The father must have proper authority in his own household and be able to control and command the respect of his children. Proverbs 22:15 says foolishness is bound in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction shall drive it far from it.

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Proverbs 23:13 with not correction from the child or after beating them with the rod. He shall not die. He may sound like he's dying, but the promise is that he's not going to die. Proverbs 13:24 He the spirit.

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Paul H. Dixon

This rod hated this song, but he that love with them chased it in bad times. Proverbs 29:15. The rod and reprove give wisdom, but a child left to himself. Bring it this mother to shame. Proverbs 29. 17 Correct die son and he shall give the rest.

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Paul H. Dixon

Yeah, he shall give the delight until they saw there are three things that are help you with discipline when you get to be parents. Number one, there must be consistency. Number two, there must be a correction. Number three, there must be courtesy.

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Paul H. Dixon

Now, let me explain to three, first of all, there has to be consistency by that. And let me suggest this start early. You say how early before they walk? Well, the really young. I don't know, I haven't stopped to think when I gave Scott his first spanking.

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Paul H. Dixon

But I know it was before he could talk. I gave him his first spanking and he realized it too, and he learned from it. And I believe that we need to start young. And if you start young, you will teach them some things that you'll not have to be dealing with when they get to be six and

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Paul H. Dixon

seven and eight, ten and eleven, if you start at it at the right time. What do you mean by consistency? Well, I mean this. You have you say something once around your house? Have you ever been around the parents who have a child and that child, for instance, they're visiting somebody, and that child picks up a little

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Paul H. Dixon

face. Mama looks over and says, Now, Johnny, you better put that bass down because you're liable to drop it and break it. He smiles and puts it down, but he's holding onto it all the time. She turns around and picks it up again.

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Paul H. Dixon

He has the bass against. She looks over again. Now, Johnny, I told you to put that bass down. Yes, ma'am. And he puts it down. And let's go this time. Just turn your head and he picks it up again.

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Paul H. Dixon

And this goes on probably for about 15 minutes by the end of the 15 minutes. She is yelling at him and screaming at him to put that bass down. And he still said, Yes, mommy, you know, that is not the way to discipline.

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Paul H. Dixon

She looks at him one time and she says it lovingly. But with authority. Johnny put the bass down. And it is something about the way she said. And he also happens to know his mama that she means that.

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Paul H. Dixon

And he also knows that if he doesn't do that, he is going to pay the toll. In other words, say it one time. Don't say it twice. And when you do this, that means you don't have to go around the house screaming and yelling.

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Paul H. Dixon

Well, I've been around some Christian parents now who spend the whole day yelling at their kids. I can't believe it. I stayed in the home one time with some people at the meeting, and they would bring their out into the service and he would cry.

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Paul H. Dixon

And then they would take him out and they would put him in the nursery and he would cry, and then they would take him outside and he would cry. And by the end of the week, they finally came to me and they said, Paul, how in the world the training kid like that?

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Paul H. Dixon

Oh, I said, you just take him in the nursery. The first time he's telling stated it cries. I know I said, Then you exercise the second thing that I'm going to tell you. The second thing is correction. When you tell him one time and they don't do it, you take them out and you wail the daylights out

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Paul H. Dixon

of you. You that you never give a little spanking. Never. There's no such thing as a little spanking. Don't spend your whole life going around. We'll slap a little, you know, pat back on the posterior. There's no value in it.

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Paul H. Dixon

You don't accomplish anything. You just give big spank hands. And when you get that big spank and you don't have to give me any and they realize that this, you see, this is the problem with our old court system today.

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Paul H. Dixon

This is why people commit murders. I pick up the Detroit paper this morning, you know, and every time I pick up one of these major metropolitan papers, all the murderers, you just can't believe what they did. Commit crimes.

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Paul H. Dixon

The penalty, you know, they just start the penalties today like they're about to be. They can get by with anything the same way in the home. You

let them know that your word means something now that works positively or negatively.

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Paul H. Dixon

If you promise them you're going to do something with it, do it. If you promise them you're going to get them something, get them. You know your word, mom and dad. I believe them whenever they say something I can count on.

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Paul H. Dixon

All right. Now, when you have to take Johnny out because he did not put the bass down the first time you take him out and you do not use your hand if you use your hand. two things. Number one, if you use your hand and it doesn't hurt your hand, you haven't spanked and hard enough if you

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Paul H. Dixon

use your hand and hurt your hand, you have misinterpreted the purpose of spanking. It's not to hurt you, it's supposed to hurt him. Someone has said that the best way to do it is to cause them to get down and to grab their ankles or to grab their legs.

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Paul H. Dixon

The reason for that is that then they cannot reach back when you're using the paddle or whatever it may be and get their hands or their neck knuckles or the fingers. That way, their hands are always out of play.

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Paul H. Dixon

You know, generally the kid who spanked in the right place is not going to be hurt. I mean, it's going to stay and he's going to cry. He's going to know the punishment being given out, but there's not going to be any serious damage.

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Paul H. Dixon

And when you use something, use a switch or a board or a belt. Right? Really? Yeah. Is that what your dad used? Yeah. OK. But the idea is really, listen, it's not a matter that we're trying to take something.

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Paul H. Dixon

It's very serious and make it funny or make it cruel. But any of you have had parents who exercise consistent stern discipline, you know, they don't have to do it much. And you respected them for it and you love them for the boy if there's not that discipline.

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Paul H. Dixon



And you know that the kids are one in the house instead of the parents. It's a rough time. And I believe that if you deal with this while they're young, you won't have the problems when they get to be older.

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Paul H. Dixon

But you do know that many people do. Okay, then there also needs to be courtesy along with this by courtesy. I mean that they need to be treated with respect as human beings if they have their door closed.

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Paul H. Dixon

We ought to go up and knock on the door before we enter, and that's their room. They have some privacy right to give it to them. I believe that we ought to treat them, you know, as as I said, with the proper respect and they'll appreciate it.

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Paul H. Dixon

And the older they get, I think the more we ought to allow them to begin to exercise some decisions themselves. I think it depends on the child and the age of the child. But we're trying to develop self-discipline.

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Paul H. Dixon

Well, I tell you, we've discovered these things briefly like to give you a chance to ask a few questions or anything that we've mentioned. Yes. It's something I really appreciate. I think if they had it displayed in front of other people I know.

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Paul H. Dixon

Yeah, right thing, they take me into other groups like with the class experience, you know, seeing so people saying, Yeah, we're being reprimanded. I think of everybody else, you know, it kind of makes you feel very good. It's a very good point.

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Paul H. Dixon

And the exercise of discipline, I think that's good to to. And even like yelling at the kid, I I I think generally speaking, if Johnny's getting into the problems, you do better off to excuse yourself and go over, just whisper in his ear to the yelling all the way across the room or something.

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Paul H. Dixon

And. And again, if you have to take him out and exercise discipline, excuse yourself and take him out and do it privately. That's a good point. Someone else, some you want to share with their system question you'd like to ask.

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Paul H. Dixon

Yes. Do you think that you should explain to the task force before you speak them? Very definitely. I think they ought to have explained to them exactly what they've done. I think they also have ought to have an opportunity to explain their side of the case.

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Paul H. Dixon

It may be that they have a reason for maybe their interpretation here. And let me say this, you're going to make some mistakes as parents when you make a mistake. Don't ever be ashamed to go to that kid and say, Man, I blew it.

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Paul H. Dixon

You know, maybe there's two brothers fighting. And you just walk in on the scene and you see the one guy who's beaten the other kids out against the wall. And they are hard to spot and you take him out and you discipline him.

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Paul H. Dixon

But you find out, really, he wasn't the one who started it. He'd already had his head beat against the Wall. See? So you were able to go to him and you say, Hey, look, pal, I realize I made a mistake and I want you to forgive me, you know?

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Paul H. Dixon

And the kids appreciate it. They really do what parents are willing to admit that they can blow it just as well as kids. I don't think personally, that's what that's what relationship is built on, just an openness and an honesty.

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Paul H. Dixon

You know, I meet with teens sometime and they say some have said, Well, you know, my parents are inconsistent. But when we get to talk it over, we find out that, well, there's inconsistency on both sides. That's the mark of a central human being as we're all inconsistent.

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Paul H. Dixon

If you're going to judge everybody, reject everybody because of inconsistency, there's nothing left. No one has anything to offer you. I'm inconsistent. Every preacher ever is inconsistent. But the important thing is to realize we're all inconsistent and be willing to admit it to one another and be forbearing with one another.

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Paul H. Dixon

So it's good to have this interchange with the kids. I make mistakes, too. Yes. What about the parents that said, you do what I say because I'm a parent and I prefer to be be reason. Well, I think that's true.

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Paul H. Dixon

In other words, if a parent wants to exercise leadership and discipline that way, I believe they have the right to do it. I personally think that a better approach is to explain the reason for there may be sometimes because of the age of a child, that there's not the, you know, they might feel like they would not

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Paul H. Dixon

profit by explaining it. But I think as you become parents, you will be better off if you explain to the kid why? Somebody else? Yes. So it. So. Say. Though, did something he says didn't do it, you can say that you should think that you just didn't need to believe.

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Paul H. Dixon

Well, I think first of all, defense, you're going to find they're going to go to a certain age that they're really prone to lie just seems like all kids go through that. And, you know, just you can see it, that they're just lying and you need to teach them, then what lying is so on and explain it

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Paul H. Dixon

to them when they get a little bit older. If they are consistently honest with you, I think we should accept the word until they prove to us that they're not that their word doesn't mean anything. And then we ought to really lower the boom on.

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Paul H. Dixon

But I think we should convey a matter of trust until they show that we can't trust them. I also think that it's wrong if you know a kid has done something you know that he's guilty to even give him the opportunity to lie.

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Paul H. Dixon

If you know he's done dance something, the don't ask him if he did it because you're just giving him a chance to lie. If you know he's done it, just deal with it. I like. My own family, like my parents who are Typekit, I would do something about it, or if I really wanted something, I go to

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Paul H. Dixon

my dad and he might say, Yes, are you going to say no? And I can my mom in urban design again? Yes, I and a lot of times when things have happened that I maybe have done wrong or something, I thought it.

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Paul H. Dixon

A lot of times if I could play on their emotions, emotional stuff, they would let me go. All right. A good point. I'm glad you brought that out. The point is parents be consistent with yourselves and don't let this happen.

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Paul H. Dixon

If mom makes a decision. Goes along with it. Dad makes the decision. Mom does and this. This really is very important. And listen, I think Pat perhaps brought this out with the girls last night. I know she does a lot of times is that you and your husband and you guys and your wives that you talk about

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Paul H. Dixon

getting married? You ought to talk about your philosophy of raising children if you're going to have two different philosophies of raising children that can create a lot of problems in the home. If one, for instance, if the wife doesn't agree with what I've shared here about discipline and yet the guy is really for it, you're going to

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Paul H. Dixon

be knocking heads off your marriage. And I don't know that I would really want to enter into marriage with that disagreement. Let me say this, too. Don't you know if any of you got studies to do and things and are pressing on?

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Paul H. Dixon

Feel free to leave any, any time? Okay, any other question? Yes, I was just going to say, if you thought this through that, you said there's a state that children go through about flying and so on. I talked to several men out at work when I unloaded trucks and they told me that their sons, their daughters, went

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Paul H. Dixon

through stages of stealing. And I talked to this one man and I thought it was a good idea. I want your opinion. He found his little boy stuck in little trucks in his pocket and all these little cars he wanted them.

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Paul H. Dixon

And he went out and took them right to the manager. And he says now to his son, he said, I'm going to go out and talk to commanders, see if they do make it so you don't have to go to jail and you won't have to pay a fine, you know, so he can pick you up at

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Paul H. Dixon

night. You went to the manager, told him that he said, just let him have everything you know. And the manager called the little boy up there and

then he didn't do it again. Yeah. Do you think that is a good idea to do something like that?

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Paul H. Dixon

And it's interesting. I never thought about it before. I know this thing of getting caught. Well, Kyra, a lot of people, you know, the long as they get by with things or what, it's really bad or some personal think it's cute or they do something like that.

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Paul H. Dixon

And I really think it's, you know, really something else and they're headed for trouble. I think we're talking about going through stages of don't all kids are not alone and there may be some kids who won't have this problem with stealing.

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Paul H. Dixon

Don't push your kid. For instance, you may be a guy who really want your son naturally to be a man, but you may take him someplace, for instance, like to amusement park, and he doesn't want to ride those big rides to scare him half to death.

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Paul H. Dixon

You know, he's two or three or four years old, maybe five years, or maybe a maybe a little kid who's 30 years younger and he wants to ride it. And you think, Oh, I got a pansy. You know, here's my kid.

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Paul H. Dixon

And there's other kids, a big brood. He'll write everything. And I got this list as they all know, you know, and so you berate the kid and down the kid, you grow out of that. You know, it just don't.

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Paul H. Dixon

You know, this has all been tough for me to realize, but I think we need to let the kid grow at his own speed and meant you can't threaten that kid. It really scares me. It really does. I don't know if I'm in that shooting star that's going to make any more man anyway.

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Paul H. Dixon

The roller coaster or whatever it is. OK, somebody else? Yes, I feel that parents sometimes disappoint, you know, their parents and they play in their homes. You're and spice it up thinking about it or letting themselves cool down.

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Paul H. Dixon

I think that's I think that's very important. In fact, when this says this has provoke, not your children to react. I think there are two ways

you provoke children to react over discipline and under discipline inconsistency and under discipline will provoke them to grab just as much as, oh, you know, if they if you're not consistent, if

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Paul H. Dixon

they can just get by with everything, many kids want you to stop them somewhere along the line. And I just trying, you know, see how far they can go. And they want you to finally put your foot down.

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Paul H. Dixon

But I think the way to stop this and exercising discipline and that is to do what she suggested, and that is, take the time to talk it over with them and explain it to them. The parents should not be afraid to express their love for children.

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Paul H. Dixon

Oh, there ought to be an exchange of affection and love. I think it's very bad if if there's this philosophy that the child should not see them kissing so forth. I I know that Howard Hendricks tells about his kid, teenage son coming home one day with the buddy, and they walked in and mom and dad were just

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Paul H. Dixon

talking up a storm, you know, and really switching it up and the thought of Howard Hendricks at all, he said. Mary said mom and dad are at it again. He said, Let's get out of here. That kid said, Wait, no, I said, Let's stay.

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Paul H. Dixon

I've never seen my mom and dad do that to bed to bed. They ought to see a husband and a wife who are madly in love with one another. They really should. That kid is going to learn from dad how to be a dad.

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Paul H. Dixon

Then of course we're going to have. OK, the question is seemingly should a boy be taught that he just as the man with responsibilities like mowing the lawn and washing the car and the girl be taught that she just has the responsibilities of washing the dishes and making the bed to sleep on the floor?

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Paul H. Dixon

I think that in the home that there is a point where it should be quite obvious that the man is the man and the woman is the woman. But on the other hand, I think that it's great for dad to pitch in and help with the dishes.

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Paul H. Dixon

Not that it's going to be his responsibility just as much as it is the wives. But I think that the lesson, you guys, it's going to help you. You ought to be willing to help change. Those diapers are going to be times when the what when it will be a big help.

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Paul H. Dixon

My why my wife came home one day and she was working on her master's degree and I was in seminary. We had a little squad. And so I decided I was going to do a big thing. I was going to cook supper for.

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Paul H. Dixon

I'd never cooked supper before. So when she walked in the door, I'm one of these guys who does everything by directions. If I pop popcorn, I read on the back how you're supposed to pop popcorn. And so I see about one in the stitches because I have the cookbook open on how to mashed potatoes.

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Paul H. Dixon

That's so I think that's the last meal I cooked, but I did cooked. I think it's good for the fellows to help out, and I think it's good to teach the kids, the guys in the hall that they can and do other things.

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Paul H. Dixon

And I think it's great for the girls to help out mowing the lawn. Anyone else has this question? Like to ask one? I agree with that, that I think the boys should learn how to do some of that stuff.

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Paul H. Dixon

You know, I took a class my senior year of high school. Oh man, I had it all in there and you know, I was amazed. My mother, she made me still want things and I say, Oh my, you made me do that.

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Paul H. Dixon

Nobody else has to do that. I really appreciated that when I got in on that class, I was doing, everybody's doing it really well. Well, you know, it's good. It's a good thing. You already got through life, but you have some proposals that to this day, oh yeah, there's a lot of girls like that, a guy that

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Paul H. Dixon

could do that, right? Anyone else? Well, I appreciate this time with you and trust that there's a profit realized from it.