

Worthy Women's Words

In the Twinkling of an Eye *by Joella Pickup*

At the end of the world, everything will change in the twinkling of an eye, corruption to incorruption, morality to immortality (1 Corinthians 15:52). The condition of our spirits at that point will determine God's judgment upon us. We must prepare for that day from our youth up because we don't know when we will have our lives taken away from us. Satan brought sin, sorrow, and death into the world and the only remedy is to place ourselves in God's hands. Living a life "in the Lord" is the most precious thing we could ever do. Such a life is filled with joy and hope and blessing. In Ecclesiastes 9:5 we read, "For the living know that they shall die." But in Psalm 23:4 it says, "yea, though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

We ladies have a task before us that we must not shirk nor defer to someone else. Each person is responsible for his or her own life before the Lord. "O that they were wise, that they understood

this, that they would consider their latter end!" (Deuteronomy 32:29).

On May 2, 2001 my husband and I buried our darling daughter, Donna Lynn Finney. She passed away on April 27 literally in a "twinkling of an eye." One breath she was living, the next she was not.

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One of her school-teaching colleagues told Donna's third grade class, "Children, Mrs. Finney is teaching her last lesson today—how to live and die graciously, a good woman." Over 600 people came to her funeral, her Christian friends, her school friends, and many of her relatives as far as both coasts of the United States. Her death shows us the futility of believing that just because we are young

that we have lots of time to obey the Lord. She seemed in very good health and had talked not long before to her husband and children and had been making decorations for the rehearsal dinner for her son's wedding in June. She was looking forward to attending her daughter's graduation from the University of South Florida. Instead, Satan snatched her life away and she did not attend those important milestones in her children's lives. But Satan could not claim her soul, for she was a godly woman, a truly "Worthy Woman" as in Proverbs 31:10-31. Donna's career was being a Christian woman; everything else hinged on that fact. The heart of her husband safely trusted in her, and her children rise up and call her blessed!

Donna had long-time personal friends whose insecure faith has tripped them up. She was kind and gentle in her rebuke of them, but plain spoken and minced no words in telling them how wrong they were. Life is so short at best that it ill-behoves us to

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Loving and Training Children *by Marguerite Hinds*

According to Titus 2:3-5, as an older woman, I am to admonish the younger women – to “love their children”. Remember the Lord said, “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten” (Revelation 3:19). Many a young woman is tempted to take the easy way out and not chasten their children during the Lord’s services. Children learn very young. A baby can be taught to be quiet during services, beginning at six to nine months. It takes patience and perseverance, but the rewards are great. The mother and everyone else will get more from the worship, and the child will learn respect.

In my many years, I have seen much of the following:

- Children crying, talking, squealing, and otherwise making noise, even during prayer, with no parental action.
- Children being taken out with no chastening and then being brought back only to start the noise-making or other disturbance all over again.
- Children going in and out to get a drink or to go to the restroom frequently with the parents not saying anything, or, worse, the parents setting that kind of “traveling” example themselves for their children to follow. Can we not be reasonably still for the short worship services?

Editor’s note: Marguerite Hinds served as an elder’s wife for over thirty years. Though she now suffers from Alzheimer’s disease, she still speaks out clearly on the principles of God’s word. This article was written over twenty years ago, but we may still benefit from it’s love and care.

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be arrogant and self-righteous in our assessment of the fate in store for others. Yet God does instruct us to discern right from wrong, morally, doctrinally, and socially and to teach others about His precepts. We cannot shirk

this responsibility, for to deny Him in life will bring certain spiritual death and ultimate perdition. So I pray that all you who read these words will renew every day your commitment to God and work diligently for

Him and His cause. “For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away” (James 4:14). ✨

- The desecrating of songbooks or bibles, and marking of the furniture. Once again, with no parental intervention.

- Whispering, laughing, or otherwise distracting the attention of worshippers.

Young women, do you truly love your children? If so, you will administer chastening when the child misbehaves. You will teach the importance of quietness and respect during the Lord’s worship services. Remember, training oftentimes requires correction (Proverbs 29:17). Children need correction (Proverbs 22:15). Correction must be proper (Proverbs 3:11-12), and “If you beat him with a rod, he will not die” (Proverbs 23:13-14). Abuse is not recommended, but “He who spares his rod hates his son. But he who loves him disciplines him promptly” (Proverbs 13:24).

Again, do you love your children? “For whom the Lord loves, He corrects, just as a father the son in whom he delights” (Proverbs 3:12)

“Correct your son, and he will give you rest, yes, he will give delight to your soul” (Proverbs 29:17).

“God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, And to be held in reverence by all those around Him” (Psalm 89:7). ✨