



# EDUCATING CHILDREN



# HELP COMES FROM GOD

Christian parents should begin the education of their children in their infancy. They should, in view of their God-given responsibilities, **pray most earnestly** to know the will of God, and for strength to do it. The wife of Manoah prayed, “Let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.” In answer to her earnest prayer the angel visits them again, and the inquiry is made, “How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him?” If this prayer should go forth from the unfeigned lips of mothers, **they would find that help would be given them from God.**

*(HR April 1, 1880, par. 2)*



# SAMUEL

- The training which the mother of Samuel gave her son, developed in him sterling moral worth, which connected him with God. (*HR* April 1, 1880, par. 4)





# GEORGE WASHINGTON

- If the mother of Washington had been a frivolous character, devoting the talents of her mind to the matters of dress and what she should eat and drink, her son George would not have become a man of firm will and moral power. His mother gave him the lessons which he carried into practical life. She inspired him with principles of stern integrity that would not be bribed.  
(*HR* April 1, 1880, par. 4)





# GEORGE WASHINGTON

- “Behold, for an example, a splendid scene enacted at the close of the revolutionary war. Cornwallis and his army had been captured; the revolution was successful. The great chief and officers of the victorious armies were assembled at a festival in honor of the victory. The spacious saloon was crowded.....Presently the doors of the saloon open to admit a personage, whose entrance awakens universal attention. His figure is noble and commanding; his bearing dignified, without haughtiness; his expression lofty, but mild. He treads the floor with unaffected yet unsurpassed majesty. (*HR* April 1, 1880, par 6)





# GEORGE WASHINGTON

- “He is regarded with reverence, yet with affection—as a superior, and yet as a friend. He presents to their gaze the rare sight of a Christian soldier and an unambitious statesman.....He is the man whose enduring fortitude, military, prowess, and overawing influence, had sustained the spirit of the revolution, crowned it with success, and earned for himself the glorious pre-eminence of being the ‘first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen,’ for that personage was George Washington!” (*HR* April 1, 1880, par 6)





# JOHN QUINCY ADAMS

- John Quincy Adams once paid the following precious tribute to his mother: “It is due to gratitude and nature that I should acknowledge and avow that such as I have been, whatever it was, such as I am, whatever it is, and such as I hope to be in all futurity, must be ascribed, under providence, to the precepts and example of my mother.”  
(*HR* April 1, 1880, par. 5)



Sixth US President



# THE MOTHER'S INFLUENCE

- The mother's influence never ceases. It is ever active, either for good or for evil; and if she would have her work abide the test of the Judgment, she must make God her trust, and labor with an eye single to his glory. Her first duty is to her children, to so mold their characters that they may be happy in this life, and secure the future, immortal life. She should not be influenced by what Mrs. So-and-So does, nor by the remarks of Mrs. A, or B., in reference to her being so odd, so different from other people in her dress, or in the arrangement of her house for comfort rather than display, or in the management of her children. (*HR* June 1, 1880, par. 1)





# THE MOTHER'S INFLUENCE

- God has given the mother, in the education of her children, a responsibility paramount to everything else. She has an individual duty which her neighbors cannot do for her. If she does this work to glorify God, she will not follow the popular path, and will have to stand in defiance of popular customs. (*HR* June 1, 1880, par. 2)





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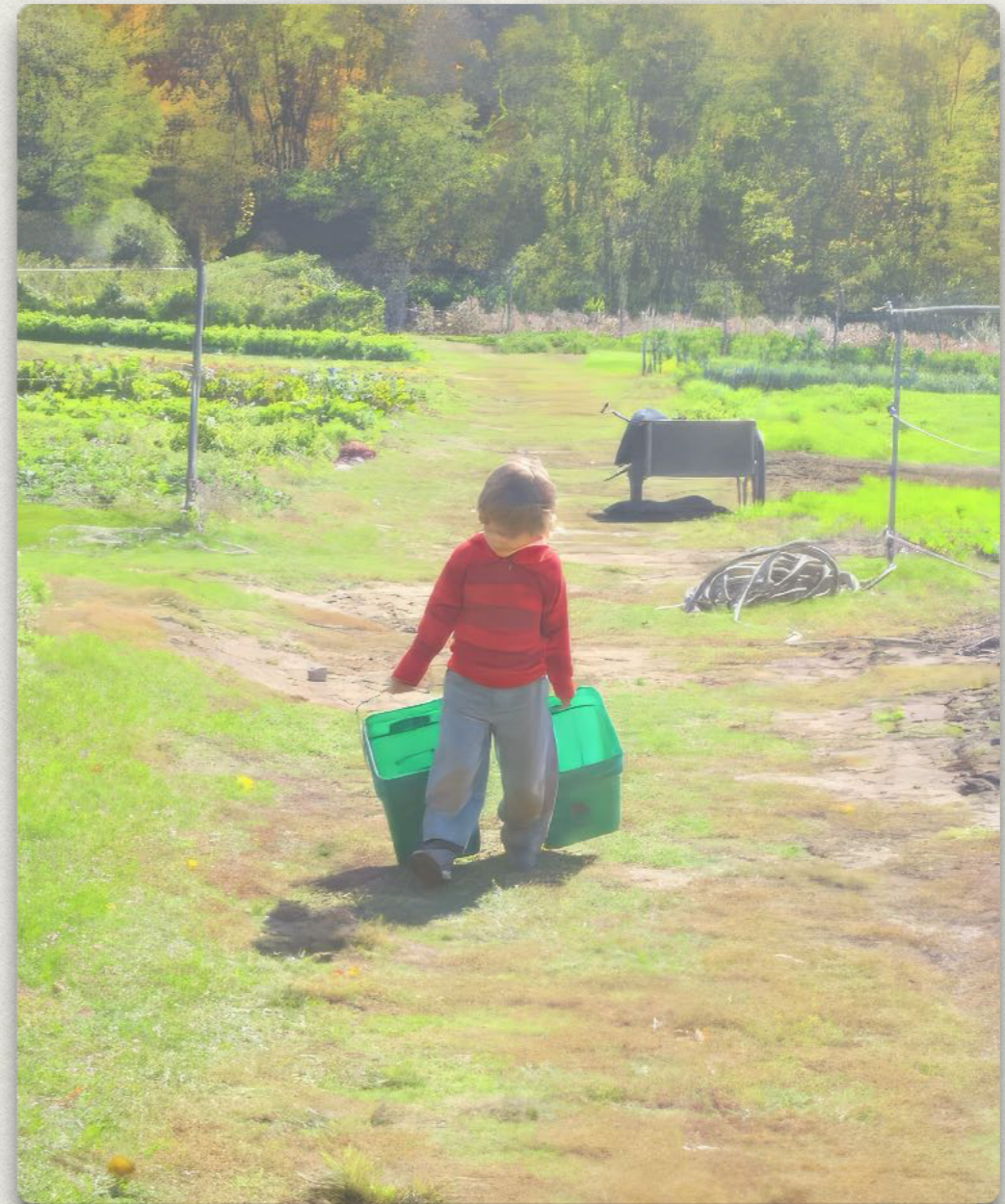
- There are but few women who have the courage to stand at their post, and valiantly battle against the customs and fashions which are ruining their children for a practical life. We feel in earnest in trying to rouse to activity the moral powers of sisters and mothers especially, to see and battle with the great evils which are permitted to ruin our youth. (*HR* June 1, 1880, par. 3)





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- We wish mothers to ask the questions in the fear of God, realizing their responsibility, What part have we in this matter of reform? How can we work to change the order of things? Wrong habits and pernicious fashions are deteriorating our families, physically, mentally, and morally. What can women do to change the purpose and the character of those with whom we associate? What can we do to stay the moral evils which threaten to ruin our children and debase society? You may, my sisters, come up to the help of God, and do anything and everything you can do and do well.





# THE MOTHER'S INFLUENCE

- Everything must be done with a love for souls, and in the fear and love of God. You may exercise the faculties which God has given you. “Dare to do right, dare to be true,” whatever the opinions of others may be. We must each answer to our Maker for the improvement or abuse of the powers he has given us. We each have an individual responsibility, and we should study the pattern given us in the life of Christ, and copy it, irrespective of censure or applause. (*HR* June 1, 1880, par. 4)

