

"GIRL TALK"--For Teens & Preteens!

-Got Your Priorities Straight?

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Just as Maria pointed out in her Letter "Sex for Babes", we have found that in our Home school situation or new Youth Training programme, including children from 9-13, that sex is not a major part of our life, just as Dad, too, has said. Of course, many teens & pre-teens become infatuated with the opposite sex & they do enjoy each other's company & intimacies at times. But especially when the teens' conversation & thoughts & hearts are geared too much to love affairs, sex, boys, make-up, vanity & concern for themselves & their attraction to the other sex, it just doesn't bear good fruit! It's also a bad worldly sample & influence on the younger children & can take up the majority of the teens' time, which causes them to space out & not apply themselves in other areas of their work or private time with the Lord!

Just as Dad says we should judge any situation or ministry in the Family: Have the teens who are of this attitude asked themselves: "Is it bearing good fruit? Does it have a good effect on others? Is it good for God's Work?" As long as sex & love affairs & the boy-girl craze doesn't take priority in their lives, it can have a place & they can learn helpful lessons on consideration & Godly love for others. However, it sure pays to keep it in close check & its proper place & help them to learn the revolutionary way to grow up in love—loving & fearing the Lord first & foremost in their lives, others second, & last of all themselves!

Our children were actually relieved to hear us openly discuss this subject together when as a preventative measure we pointed out the dangers of getting into a Worldly attitude of the two teens thinking of themselves, their appearance, & daydreaming & exaggerating their love affairs too much, which only displaced their Temple Time, Word time, study time & could have ruined their usefulness! They themselves couldn't find a balance & were glad to hear that they were being kept in check in this area & felt even less burdened & relieved that it wasn't their "duty" or necessary or edifying to "matchmake" & arrange dates with others or discuss other teens or adults among themselves. We asked all the children if they had felt hurt or left out or overburdened since the private "girl talk" had begun among them, & each one felt in some way that it just got in the way of all the important

training & spiritual lessons they were here in our Home to learn in the first place!

We asked them on the other hand how much time had they spent that last week thinking about their lessons & progress in the Lord, lost souls, the newest Word project, praying for others & the Work & Pubs, in comparison to time they'd spend thinking about themselves, trials about their "loves", imagining things, etc., & this is when especially the two teens seemed to realise that they'd lacked a good balance & even the proper priority, & that the latter was just an unfruitful & dangerous diversion!

Thank the Lord it hadn't gotten to be a problem at all, & that Jesus checked us about it to discuss it before it was! So we adults learned that we can spare our pre-teens & teens those worldly, empty & vain tendencies by teaching them to put Jesus in First Place, & not have to regret or suffer the hard way by losing that priority, as so many of us have! Thus they've learned to put the Lord's Word & Work first & their ministries & training first & foremost, just as we adults have had to learn in our love lives in the Family.

"Love is the most important thing", & what is love but God, not the opposite sex or even a selfish desire or dream. God bless the kids, who immediately began to buckle up redeeming the time better in the Word & their work & schooling rather than spending so much time in vain babble & private conversation about their "love affairs" & matters of the heart, discussing others, "primping" etc. which was mostly a waste of time & the very same vain plane that we experienced in the World & gladly dropped out of to join the Revolution for Jesus!

