

# Will You Leave A Legacy?

If we as Canadians have a fault, it is to take for granted the values and benefits of our Canadian way of life.

The sense of security we enjoy to-day was gained by the struggles and sacrifices of the pioneers from whom we inherited it.

This is our heritage and the legacy passed down to us.

What are your everyday priorities?

What makes your life worth living?

The four areas most people would divide their life into probably would be **WORK PLAY LOVE WORSHIP**

These elements make up our life and how we deal with them largely determines our happiness, our misery, our personal growth or the opposite, our usefulness or futility.

**WORK** This is something most of us are destined to be involved with, so it should be a priority that work is a pleasure and becomes a meaningful part of our life. We spend almost a third of our waking hours working, so it is important that we choose work that provides us with a sense of satisfaction. More importantly, that a career is chosen wisely, not always for material gain, but for the joy one derives from the work.

**PLAY** This is the recreation we especially enjoy. It is probably one of the easiest to develop of the four values we are talking about. It is simple to lean toward sport, if one is athletically inclined; toward the theatre, if drama is to your liking; toward crafts, if you are nimble-fingered. Play is fun and provides a refreshing change in our everyday living.

**LOVE** If taken in the broad sense, human relations, built on caring about the welfare of all people in the community, provides a rich third dimension.

**WORSHIP** It seems inherent for us to believe in a creating, directing power beyond oneself. But worship goes beyond what we call religion. We need to cultivate a sense of wonder and of reverence. All these things through choice, enrich our lives as women and as individuals.

Let us turn these choices around. Now that we have looked at them as choices to determine the direction of our own life, let's look at these choices in another dimension, turning choices into legacies.

What will you leave your children, not necessarily material things, but as a legacy?

The things that matter more, add up to an assertion of the importance of personal responsibility and individuality. Dare to be yourself!

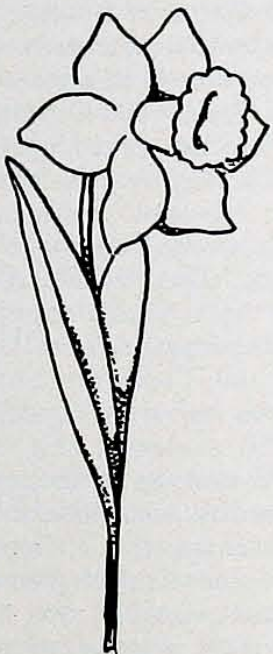
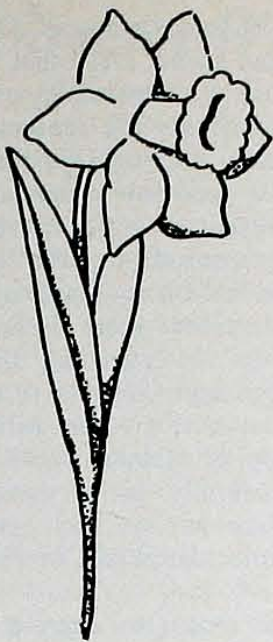
Leaving your child a **LEGACY OF A GOOD WORK ETHIC**, gradually easing them into one responsibility after another. Encouraging them to develop a confidence in themselves that they're not afraid to tackle a hard job when it comes along. Training your children in the ways of decision-making, is a legacy to be cherished.

A **LEGACY OF PLAY**, leave your children a 'sense of fun' and a capacity to play. Assist them to know when to work and when to play, so one complements the other and does not interfere.

The strong family unit will feel a sense of security that comes from being loved. **THE LEGACY OF LOVE** will strengthen the family in both the good times and difficult days. Talking, sharing, feeling free and at ease with others, will add to the legacy in the days ahead.

**THE LEGACY OF WORSHIP**, sometimes called spiritual things, is a part of all living. To create an environment of goodness and warmth preparing our children to meet temptations, face heartbreaks, is a legacy worth leaving.

The intangible things which allows a child to know security, feel love and understanding are a far greater legacy than material things money can buy.



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