

Church Column

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1979 has been designated around the world as 'The Year Of The Child'.

This year several million North Americans (in 1975 it was six million) will take a step that will significantly change their own lives and profoundly affect the next

generation: they will have children. How they raise these children will have a greater impact on our society than the way they vote, the technologies they produce, the wars they wage, or the art they create.

In the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy we see God speaking through Moses to the Hebrew people and placing the same premium on child development and training.

"And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and

shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

Jesus had a great deal to say about the importance of little children and in the Gospel of St. Matthew had a very strong indictment for anyone leading a child astray.

Ancient Jewish society or modern North American Society is affected on how the upcoming generation is formed. The question we all need to ask ourselves is 'How good a job are we doing with our children?'

A 1978 best-seller on child raising, *How To Get Your Children To Do What You Want Them To* (Prentice Hall, 1977) has a message remarkably similar to that in the Bible.

The message, by authors Dr. Paul Wood and Bernard Schwartz, is that parents need to be committed to their children.

"What it comes down to is a question of parental commitment, parents showing children they really are committed to their offspring's best interests and that they really care."

Parental commitment especially to a child's religious and spiritual training is long overdue and sadly, often neglected. In quoting another "The modern home has lost most of its original vitality, and its spiritual training has become dulled and often non-existent."

Even our educational system recognizes that lack in our homes of adequate training and feel the need to inject sex education and values education into the school curriculum, areas that are the primary concern of the home.

Perhaps this year we will be reminded that parenthood is a full time job, perhaps the most important job in our world. True affection and love, discipline and training take time — a lot of it — the major portion of it. For your children, spend time not money.

Perhaps also we will be reminded that what we teach is also very important.

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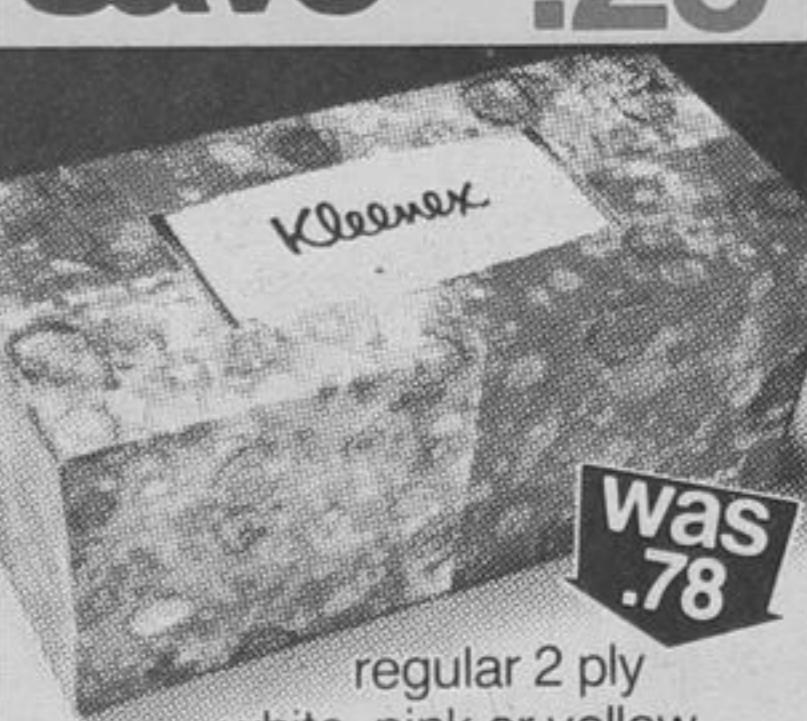
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