

St. Mary - Jan 5, 72

HOMEWORK

Gen. 3:1-13

Homework is .....

A hardy perennial bearing thorns, sharp.

(Aggravate) parents, teachers, scholars, P. T. A., City Fathers.

(London) - Heated debate by City Fathers.

Children - agree a noxious weed to be uprooted.

A part of the curriculum of Public Schools.

No escape and no graduation until the last bell rings in the school of life.

Parent-Teacher Conferences - Find the child <sup>has</sup> difficulty - often caused by his parents having "washed their hands" of certain facets of his education. Scholastic and moral.

(Left) up to the teachers - matters that they should have done. Needed to do some homework themselves.

Often we as parents want to protect our child from difficulties.

Or find a way to help him out of them!

Learning to handle difficulties is a part of (growing up). His problems comes under the head of homework.

This needs to be said of all of us.

(Story) is as old as (Garden of Eden) - as old as time.

2:16-17

(Adam) had homework.

3:9,11

Commanded to answer whether he had eaten forbidden fruit.

V.12 Explanation that the woman had given it to him.

V.13 Eve summoned to account - beguiled by serpent.

Serpent not questioned.

Characteristic - evade responsibility for one's deeds.

Original - disposition to pass responsibility to another.

Sin of evasion.

More satisfactory to complain about others than to do a little homework.

Why do we do this?

1. It is because of self pity.

This is a cheap luxury.

Why is it you are not living for Christ?

Wish had lived in earlier, easier, simpler generation.

Self-pitiers then and now are the same.

It is a cure we use.

It is a dream.

"The more I ponder over the capers my son is cutting, and the life and habits, the thoughtless lad is plunging headlong into, in what amours he has engaged himself, the more worried and fearful I get .... I know I once was in my prime and did all this myself but then I showed some self-restraint!"

Plautus - 200 years before Christ.

The absence of difficulties never people happy.

Character develops in the briar patches.

In the face of the North wind.

By men and women like ourselves who accept personal responsibility.

Who start in on their homework.

✓ II. By directing our entire attention to social reform.

It is necessary.

A tunnel has 2 entrances and dug from both ends.

Easier get excited about social wrongs, than deal with problems in homework.

Some Christians break up the peace of every group they enter. They proclaim racial prejudice is gigantic evil in the world, but they have not dealt with their own pet prejudices.

They say the world needs change, but their neighbors know that they certainly need to be changed.

Have you done your homework?

✓ III. Our apparent (inadequacy, to solve the larger problems confronting the present world.)

Mood of futility - giants.

Feel like chips on a flood.

Listen to a politician explain suspicious action.

"Exterminating circumstances".

World of commerce you find something dishonest revealed - will, its part of the system.

Admittedly there are modifying factors.

If we do not master ourselves.

Accept our responsibilities.

We have homework to do.

Heavenly Father has to unload some of his responsibilities onto us.

Youth - School Work - Drug Situation -

Adults. Example → Train your children in Rel. matters;

woman called - hypsit - situation  
it told her get upset & parents do something to get the  
Boy took my Pat gave Vicki the dope -  
He is a murderer.  
Held accountable.

Vickie  
out  
My drugs  
Huddle like in arms -