



THE GODLY FATHER

JOSHUA 24:14-18

14 "Now fear the LORD and serve Him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

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¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

JOSHUA 24:14-18

¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods!

¹⁷ It was the LORD our God Himself who brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled.

JOSHUA 24:14-18

¹⁸ And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because He is our God."



THE IDEA FOR CREATING A FATHERS' DAY is for children to honor their fathers began in Spokane, Washington. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909.





Having been raised by her father, after her mother died, Sonora wanted her father to know how special he was to her. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and he was in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man.





Her father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19th of June, 1910. In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.





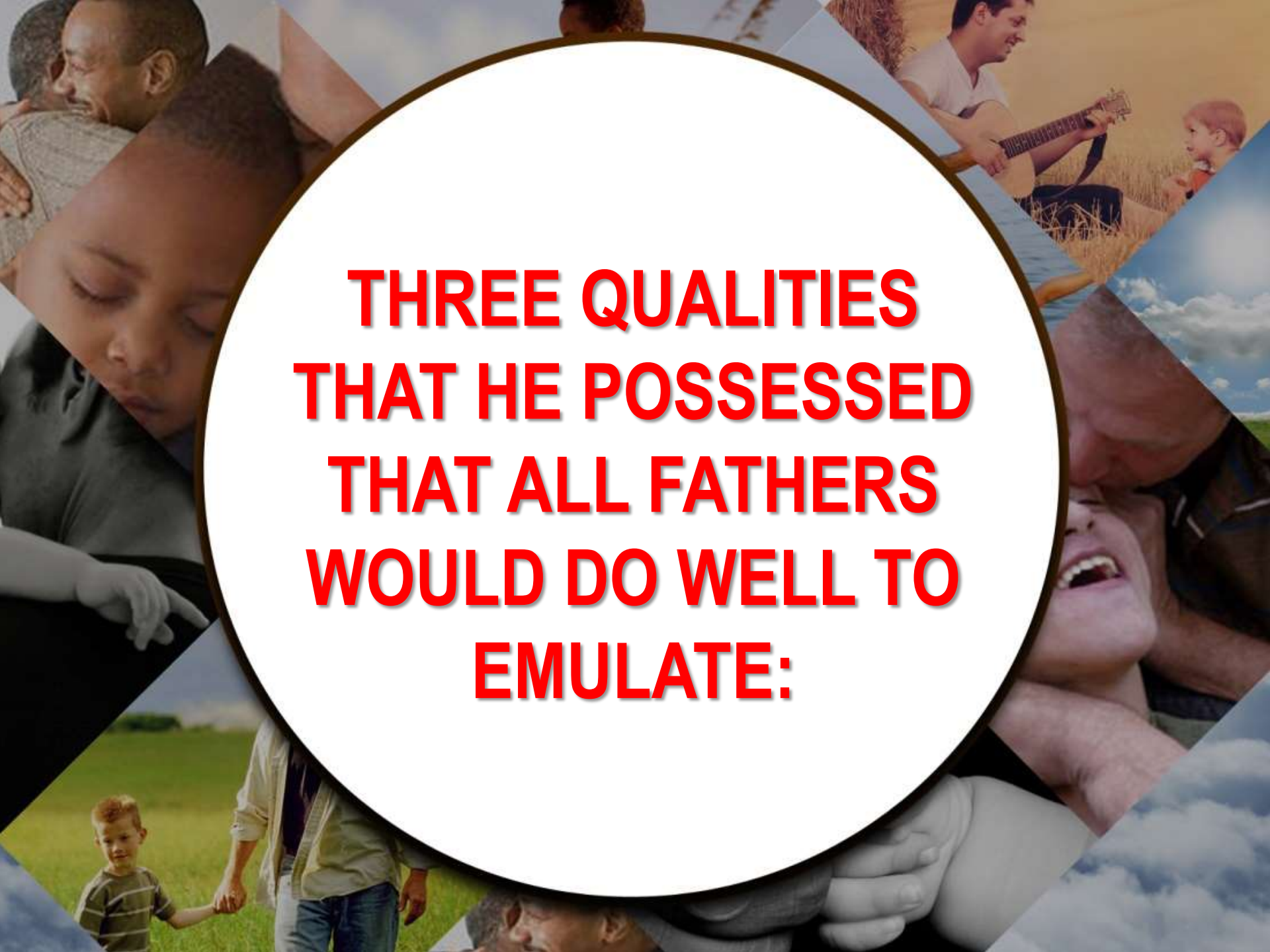
Roses are the Father's Day flowers: red to be worn for a living father and white if the father has died.





A GOOD FATHER IS ONE OF THE
MOST UNSUNG, UNPRAISED,
UNNOTICED, AND UNAPPRECIATED
HEROES IN ALL HUMANITY.





**THREE QUALITIES
THAT HE POSSESSED
THAT ALL FATHERS
WOULD DO WELL TO
EMULATE:**

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I. PRIEST OF THE HOME



A. He acknowledged his responsibility for the spiritual life of his family.





1. A priest cannot function unless he is
in close contact with God.





2. The family was designed to be the basic educational unit.



DEUTERONOMY 6:6-9

⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

DEUTERONOMY 6:6-9

⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.

⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

EPHESIANS 6:4

⁴ Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.



3. The greatest thing a father can pass on to his children is the love of God and his faith.





4. Joshua, the warrior has become a man of peace.






B. The family will usually follow the parent, especially the father.

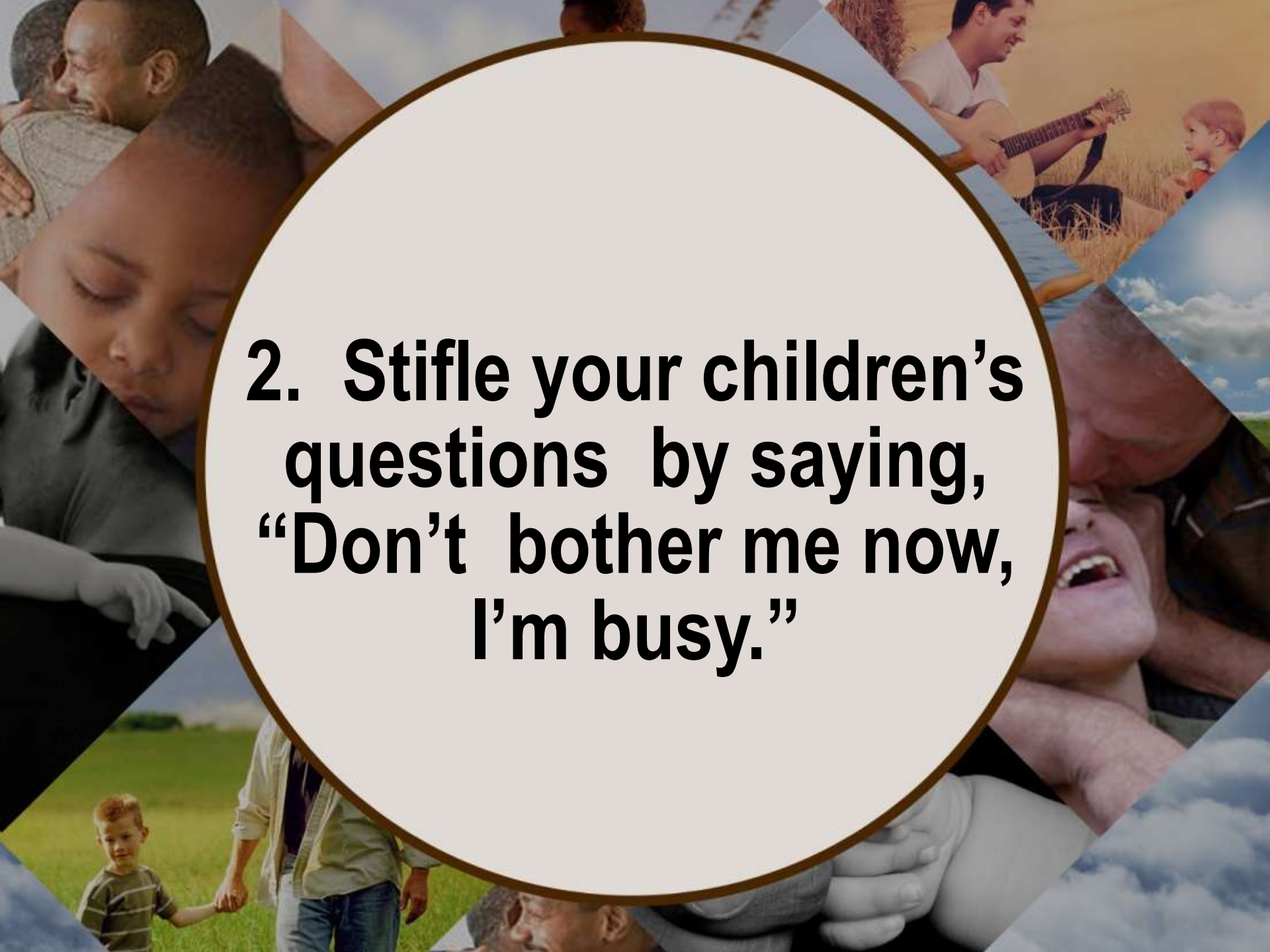


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2. Stifle your children's questions by saying, "Don't bother me now, I'm busy."

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**3. Take no interest in
your children's friends.**



4. Never discipline your children.



**5. Nag them about
their schoolwork;
never compliment
them on their
achievements.**



**6. Demonstrate your
love for them with
material things.**

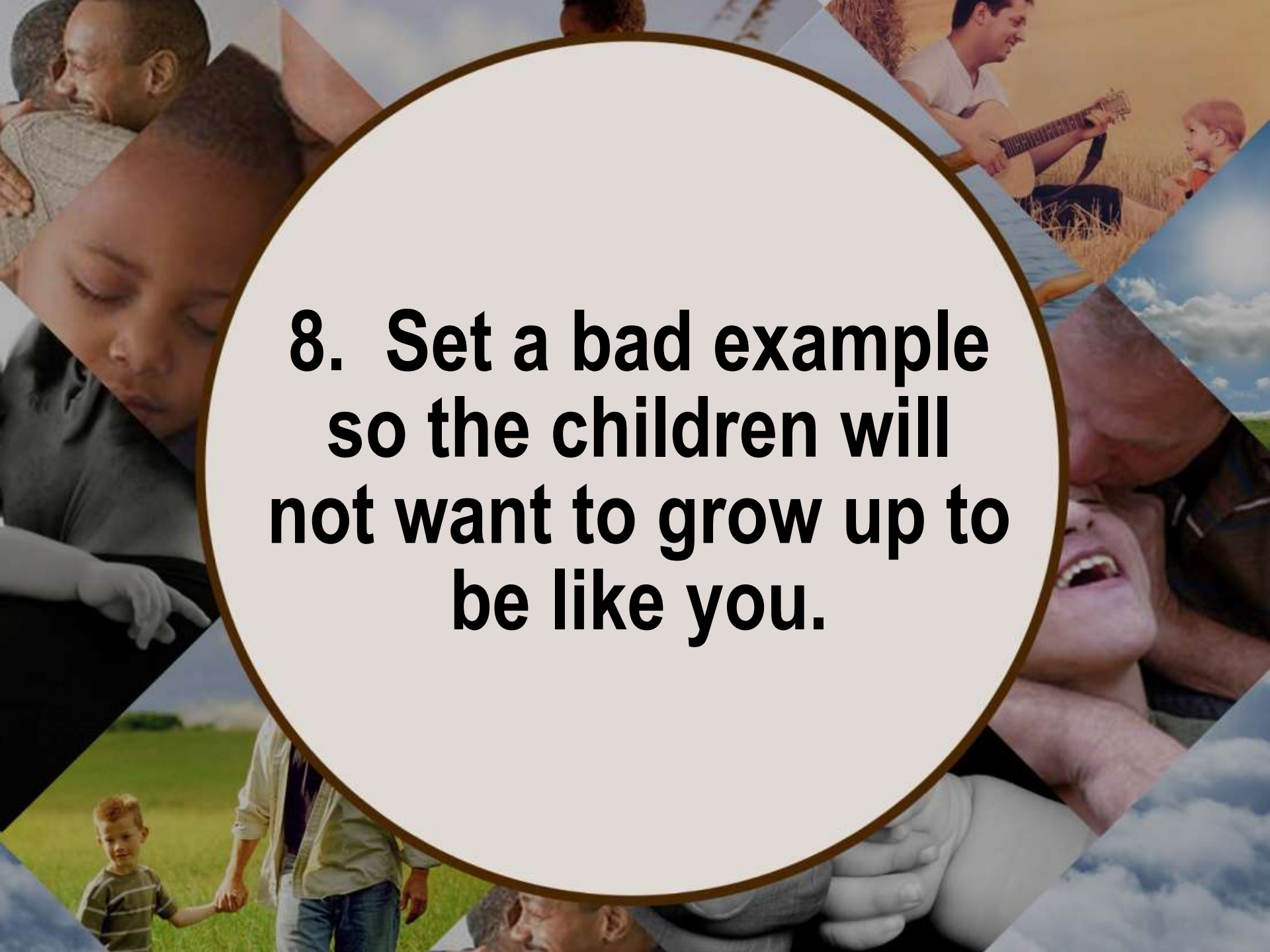
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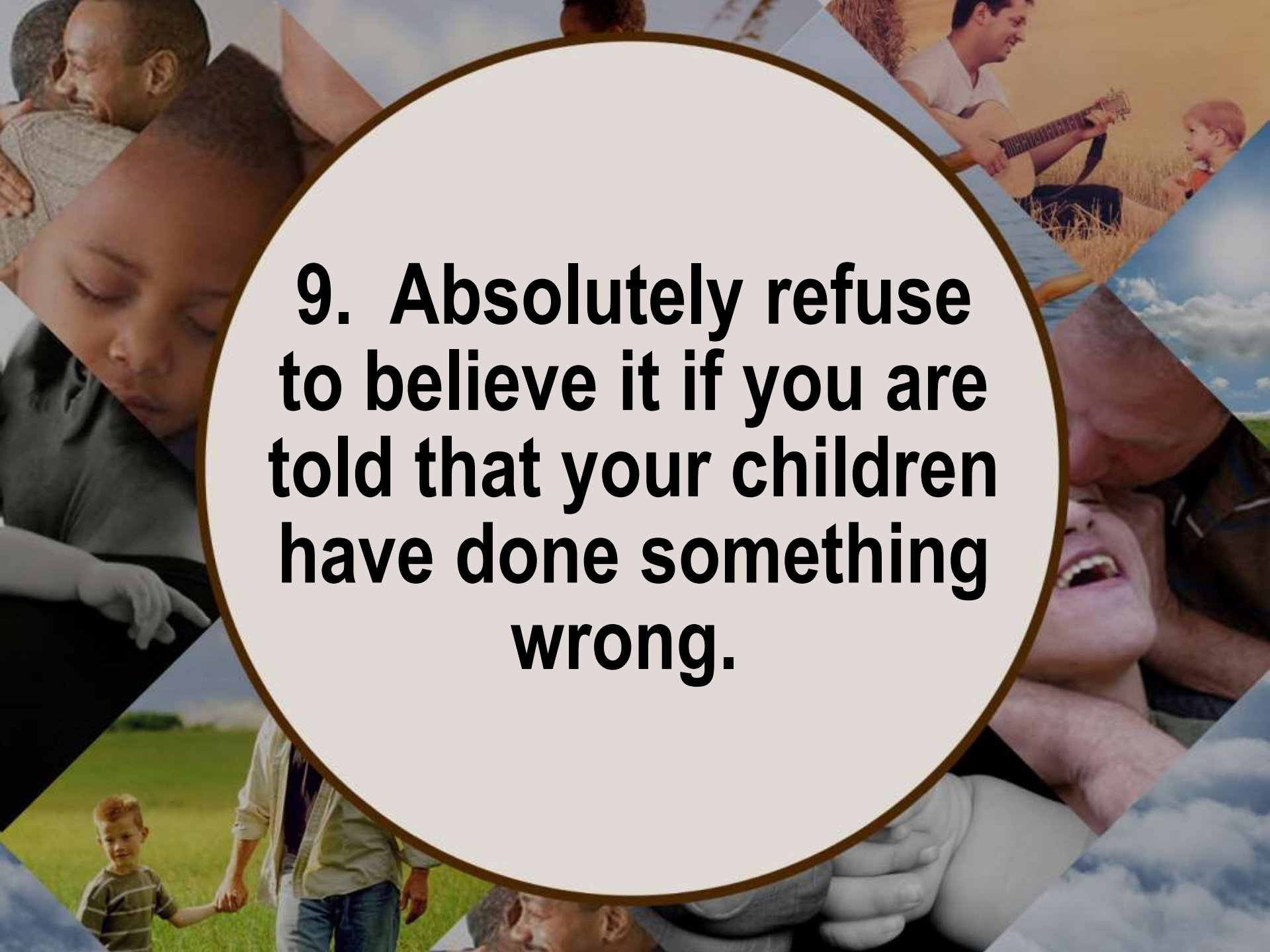


Instead, let them learn about sex from their friends, public school, or pornographic literature.

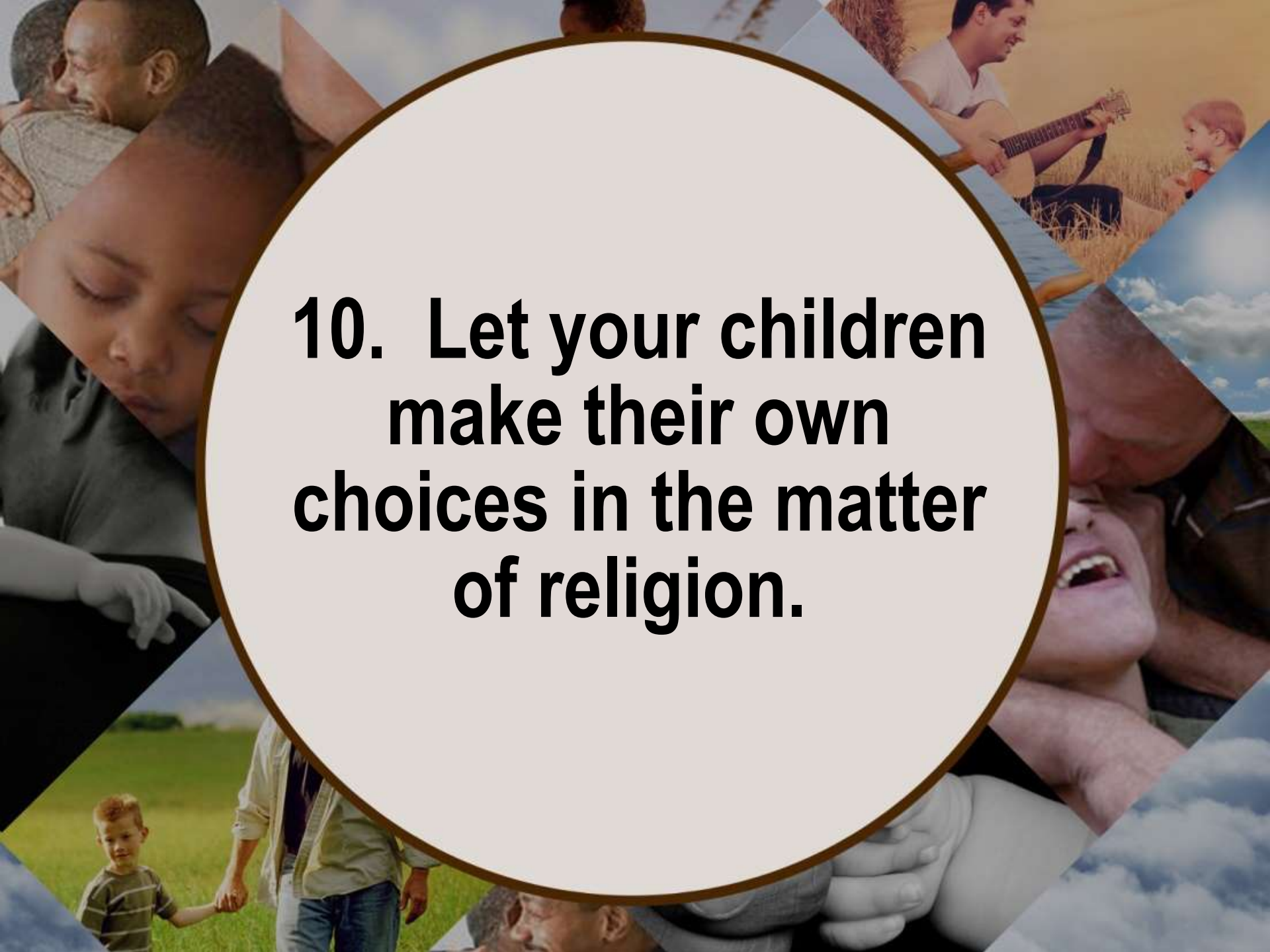




**8. Set a bad example
so the children will
not want to grow up to
be like you.**



9. Absolutely refuse to believe it if you are told that your children have done something wrong.



**10. Let your children
make their own
choices in the matter
of religion.**



**C. As priest of the home, the
godly father is also a man of
prayer.**



JOB 1:5

⁵ When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would make arrangements for them to be purified. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, "Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." This was Job's regular custom.

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II. PLAN FOR THE FAMILY



A. We must strive with God's help
for family unity.





B. When the family is united, it will endure the trials that come its way.





C. This godly determination must extend into the devotional life of the family.



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1 TIMOTHY 5:8

⁸ Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.



Father is very important in the eyes
of God. Our standing with God
determines the destiny of our family.



GENESIS 6:5-10

⁵ The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. ⁶ The LORD regretted that He had made human beings on the earth, and His heart was deeply troubled.

GENESIS 6:5-10

⁷ So the LORD said, “I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them.” ⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

GENESIS 6: 5–10

⁹ This is the account of Noah and his family.

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. ¹⁰ Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

GENESIS 7:1

7 The LORD then said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation.