

CAN YOU REMEMBER WHEN?

You're old enough to remember the real America if you can remember when you never dreamed your country could lose.

- * When you left your front door open.
- * When you went to church, and the preacher preached from the Bible.
- * When even the word "socialism" was a dirty word.
- * When a girl was a girl--when a boy was a boy--and you could tell them apart.
- * When the poor were too proud to take charity.
- * When a nickel was worth 5 cents.
- * When you bragged about your hometown--your State--and your Nation.
- * When the flag was a sacred symbol.
- * When this Government stood up for Americans.
- * When a man who went wrong was blamed--not his mother's nursing habits or his father's income.
- * When everyone knew right from wrong.
- * When things were not perfect, and you didn't expect them to be.
- * When people still had the capacity for indignation.
- * When sick meant that you were not feeling well.
- * When people expected less and valued what they had more.
- * When everyone was not entitled to an annual wage whether he worked or not.
- * When a man's word was his bond.
- * When America was the land of the free and the home of the brave.

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MATURITY IS NO ACCIDENT



Isn't it amazing how fast our children grow up? If your children are still small, it won't be long until they will be grown and gone with families of their own.

While most of us would like to have them small and around forever, yet we realize that it would be a tragic thing if they didn't grow. The undeveloped is always a pitiful sight, whether we are talking about an ear of corn in the garden, an apple on the tree, a dwarfed animal or an underdeveloped child.

Children, as wonderful and as precious as they are, need to mature physically, mentally, emotionally, socially and spiritually. The child who grows to adulthood without maturing physically is somewhat handicapped.

Many parents have become heartsick as they have discovered that their child's mental capabilities has not kept pace with his physical development. He knows that the child will, in all probability, have to struggle as an adult.

We can tolerate emotional immaturity in a child; we even expect some of it. It's rather natural for a child to sometimes feel sorry for himself or feel that the whole world is against him, to pout and to become angry and even try to throw temper tantrums, but how sad when these same characteristics are carried into adulthood because the child failed to develop emotionally.

Children sometimes have difficulty in getting along with one another and unless they mature socially, they will find themselves unable to get along with husbands or wives, employees or employers, friends or neighbors.

The child is usually not aware of any spiritual needs, and unless properly guided and instructed, will grow into adulthood without being aware of their responsibility to God and their fellow man, and will find themselves frustrated and unhappy because they have not matured morally and spiritually.

If your child is developing well physically, it is no accident. He is receiving the proper food and proper exercise. But there's more to a human than the physical. The spiritual man also needs to be properly cared for in order to mature as God intends. Jesus said, "It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (Matt. 4:4). And again, "Exercise thyself rather unto godliness. For bodily exercise profiteth little; but godliness is profitable unto all things." (I Tim. 4:7, 8).

If children are to mature into the well-adjusted, happy, useful adults they should be, it will not be by accident. It will be because they have received the proper nourishment and exercise of a spiritual nature.

Here at the Williamstown Church of Christ, our entire teaching program is geared to meet the needs of the whole man. Every Sunday, children of all ages including over 100 teenagers, attend services at the Williamstown Church of Christ, not because they have to, but because they realize they are receiving something that will help them to mature; something they need and enjoy.

Encourage your children to attend this Sunday. Better still, come and bring them. You'll be glad you did!

