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Without the effective cooperation of the family it is impossible to Christianize society.

The basic unit of society in our civilization is the family. If there is to be any social revolutions, its roots must be in family life. In that respect, the family is the key to our civilization, the origin of any reform, the origin of every fault. To make the family perfect would be to ~~good~~ make the world perfect.

The reason for this vital influence is the fact that in the family, the individual receives his first impressions, his first prejudices, his first ideas of the world into which he has come. In the first twelve or fifteen years of a child's life he is most susceptible to influence, indeed, during those years he is being molded by external influences and his inner spirit to what he will be as a man. The man is ~~very~~ unchangeable, the child is not. The impressions of childhood leave the profoundest mark on the character of the individual.

If, then, we endeavor to change the ways of men, we must logically make our first and foremost effort in the family. Family life should be an asset to ~~and~~ the life of the individual because of the principles it inculcates in his character.

Almost all of Christ's teachings and ethical values can be applied in the family. The Christian ideas of self-sacrifice, of selfless love, of forgiveness, of mercy, all of these would do wonders for the family. Right at this place is the important point. If Christianity ~~be~~ lives ~~so~~ within the family, we need not fear a third world war. The presence of Christianity (or of any similar code of ethics and moral) is absolutely vital for today's civilization.

And then, then we need worry about nothing else. Poverty and wealth; sickness and death; and all these problems which have cropped up because of the moral vacuum will find their own solution, and will weave themselves into the pattern of harmony.

Ethics is, I think, the key to a better way of life. True ethics as is embodied in the teachings of Jesus Christ is the basis for every constructive civilization. Let us, then, begin to saturate our family life with the essence of Christianity, and we shall see our way open to a higher level of civilization and culture.

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