

DUTIES OF  
CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
TOWARDS  
GOD, SUPERIORS, THEMSELVES AND  
EACH OTHER

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- 1st Never neglect to pray to God when you rise in the morning, and when you lie down at night,
- 2nd Always kneel before you eat, and after you have done eating.
- 3rd Never tell an untruth or a crooked story.
- 4th Never deceive, or try to make others believe what is not true, it is wicked.
- 5th Never do things out of sight, that you would not do in sight, (God always sees you.)
- 6th Never do what your conscience tells you is wrong; for that is God in the soul.
- 7th Never tell a wrong story, and then say it was only to make believ
- 8th Never swear, or use bad words or nicknames.
- 9th Never mock others, or make a mock of songs, ~~MM~~ or any gift of God.
10. Never play while others are worshipping God.
11. Never talk while others are singing or reading.
12. Never make a noise while others are praying.
13. If you have done wrong confess it before you go to bed.
14. Do nothing that you wish to hide from God, for he sees and knows it all.
15. Do nothing you fear to tell your parents or caretakers of.
16. Always thank God for protection thro' the night, when you rise in the morning.
17. Always thank God and your superiors when you have done eating.
18. Always love God, that is, love to be good.

19. Always fear God, that is, fear to do evil or be noisy.
20. Never forget to be thankful to god for his goodness in giving you everything you have.
21. Never feel too big to praise God, either by singing or speaking it shows a fool.

## SECTION SECOND

### DUTIES TO SUPERIORS AND OLDERS

- 1st Always be obedient to all who are older than you are.
2. Never act the hypocrite, that is, pretend to mind while in sight and be disobedient as soon as out of their way.
- 3rd Never look cross or cry when told what to do, but be obedient cheerfully.
4. ~~never~~ contradict your superiors.
- 5 Never argue or dispute with superiors, it is saucy.
- 6 Always look at your superiors when they speak to you.
- 7 Always stand straight and still when spoken to by superiors.
- 8 Always thank superiors when they give you good counsel.
- 9 Never jest or joke your superiors, it is saucy.
- 10 It is ill manners to walk at the right hand of superiors.
- 11 It is ill manners to go before superiors when in company with them.
- 12 Never be noisy when in company with superiors.
- 13 Never allow yourself to speak disrespect of your superiors.
- 14 Always be willing to receive instruction from superios, and remember when you are too old to learn you are too old to live.
- 15 never try to obtain secrets of superiors.
- 16 Never be forward in giving your opinion when in company with superiors.
- 17 Always be still when your superiors are speaking and give them place.
- 18 Never put in words when your superiors are speaking.
- 19 Never break in upon your superiors when they are talking by askin questions.

- 20 Never laugh loud and giggle when in company with your superiors.
- 21 Never rush first to victuals when in company with your superiors.
- 22 Never keep your seat while your superiors stand for want of one.
- 23 Never rush or run hastily by your superiors but halt while you pass and then quicken your pace if you are in a hurry.
- 24 Never mutter when reproved.
- 25 Never run before your superiors when they are running (or rather) passing crosswise of you.

### SECTION THIRD

#### DUTIES TO ONES SELF

- 1st Seek useful knowledge, and never feel unwilling to learn either of Elders or younger.
- 2 Improve all your time in something useful.
- 3 Study to be useful rather than diverting.
4. Do not be fond of the fashions of the world but choose to be like Believers.
- 5 Never spend your time in telling old stories of great exploits etc. etc.
- 6 Always have some object in view for every day, that is something to do, or learn, that will benefit yourself or others.
- 7 Always be industrious for idleness is the parent of vice.
- 8 Never feel above your superiors or elders.
- 9 Never brag of yourself and demean others.
- 10 Never promise more than you can perform.
- 11 Always keep your word, so you will win confidence.
- 12 Remember that a small injury done to others is a great injury done to yourself.
- 13 Always have a place for everything, and keep every thing in its place.
- 14 Never delay to tomorrow that which ought to be done today.
- 15 Never be fond of telling of others faults.
- 16 Always do as you would be done by.

- 17 Never indulge in self-righteousness, that is, feeling too good to mend.
- 18 Never excuse yourself by the faults of others.
- 19 Never do wrong because others do, or have done so.
- 20 Never waste anything that is useful, however small.
- 21 Forget others faults by remembering your own.
- 22 Never want nicer or as nice clothes as your superiors have.
- 23 Never be a fop or a fribble, that is, take unnecessary pains to look nice or gay.
- 24 Always put your clothes on neatly and in good order.
- 25 Never feel in a hurry to dress like grown people or feel unwilling to take clothes of others because they have been worn.
- 26 Always wash yourself when you rise in the morning.
- 27 Always wash your mouth as often as once a day.
- 28 Always wash you before you eat.
- 29 Always wash your bodies as often as once a week.
- 30 Always wash your hands clean before handling books.
- 31 Never wear long nails or hair.
- 33 Always comb the hair before meeting or meals.
- 34 Never wear nice clothes while doing dirty work, if you have those more suitable.
- 35 Never wear ragged clothes to Meeting.
- 36 Never wear your clothes till they become ragged, remember a stitch in time saves 9.
- 37 Always dress according to your business if possible.
- 38 It is slovenly to throw clothes on the floor or in the chairs and then sit on them
- 39 It is a sure mark of a sloven to daub the inside of trousers with mud while walking.
- 40 It is slovenly to get on your knees to build a fire or tie up your shoes.
- 41 it is slovenly to leave clothes hanging up in old buildings shops

or cellars, etc.

- 42 It is slovenly to put shoes or boots on the knees to pull them off. It greases clothes.
- 43 It is slovenly to wipe the nose on your sleeve, or back side of your mitten.
- 44 It is slovenly to hang every day wearing apparel with clothes for wearing on the sabbath day. etc.
- 45 Never fold and put away your clothes when they are wet with sweat or otherwise, it causes them to mould or rot.
- 46 It is indecent to throw dirty clothes on beds in lodging rooms or elsewhere.
- 47 It is not good to carry nails or other pointed things in your pockets, as it wears them out un-necessarily.
- 48 It is slovenly to go about with your hands in your pockets or in your bosoms.
- 49 It is slovenly to run about the floor in your footing feet.
- 50 It is slovenly to go about slip shoe, that is with shoes down at the heel.
- 51 Never go with your shoes untied.
- 52 Always clean your feet before you enter the house.
- 53 Never scrape your feet on the stove hearth.
- 54 Never put your shoes on anything hotter than you can bear your hand.
- 55 Never wash shoes or boots and then leave them to dry up hard before they are greased.
- 56 Never wear boots or coarse thick shoes into meeting.
- 57 It is slovenly practice to have several suits of clothes hanging about at once.
- 58 Never slide on dwelling house floors.
- 59 Never spit in sinks in kitchens or dairies etc.
- 60 Never spit on mats or on the floors of any dwelling.
- 61 If you make a litter in the house or shop, clean up afterwards.

SECTION FOURTH

DUTIES TO OTHERS

1. It is ill manners to call words over after others, when they speak to you.
2. It is unhandsome to be telling of others faults for it is a sure way to gain ill will & spoil a good name.
3. Always thank others when they do you a kindness.
4. Seek opportunities to do kindnesses for others, this will gain their love.
5. Never meddle with others business unless they ask you to.
6. When you speak of another in company with yourself, always mention their name first; ( James and I, not I and James.)
7. Never take a story from another thinking you can tell it better.
8. Never go or stand between others and the fire or light.
9. Never go between people who are talking together, nor stop to hear what they say while passing by them.
10. Never look over one when reading or writing.
11. Never spit in another's face.
12. Never look pleased when others are reproved for a fault.
13. Never be fond of telling others faults.
14. Never peep in at windows or listen at doors.
15. Never go to others shops without liberty.
16. Never meddle with tools that you have no business with.
17. Always return tools when done using them.
18. Never take things which belong to others without liberty.
19. Never hang around in company where you are not wanted.
20. It is ill manners to take up others for speaking improperly.
21. Never examine chests drawers and cupboards that belong to others.
22. Never be gazing around when in meeting or at table.
23. Never answer a question that is put to another.

- 24 Never try to afflict others when you get the advantage of them.
- 25 Never pick others pockets.
- 26 Never throw things instead of handing of them.
- 27 When you hand to others that which has a handle, always present the handle to them.
- 28 Never follow so closely to another as to tread on his heels.
- 29 Never pass thro' a gate or door first when another has opened it, unless requested.
- 30 Always be willing to do chores or knidnesses for others.

#### SECTION 5TH

##### BEHAVIOUR AT TABLE

1. Never begin to eat before your superiors.
2. Keep your eyes on your own victuals while eating.
3. Wipe your mouth before you drink.
4. Never stick out the under lip while drinking.
5. Never blow your nose, or spit at the table.
6. Try to avoid coughing or sneezing at the table; but if you cannot help it, put your handkerchief to your face.
7. It is ill manners to cut small bits of pie & leave on the plat-  
ter.
8. Never break small bits of bread and spread them with butter, but take a whole slice if there are pieces enough for all.
9. Always wipe your knife before you cut pie butter, or put it into applesauce.
- 10 Never wipe your knife on the piece of pie which you intend to cut off.
- 11 When partaking of luxuries always consider whether there is sufficient for all that sit at the same set, if not partake sparingly.
- 12 It is ill manners to pick your teeth at the table.
- 13 Never clean out your mouth with your finger at the table.
- 14 It is ill manners to belch or make indecent noises at the table.
- 15 It is ill manners to start suddenly and look over your shoulder

- if anyone happens to drop a cup or saucer, or any vessell.
- 16 It is ill manners to gaze at a person while eating, it looks as tho' you coveted his victuals.
  - 17 It is ill manners to be looking about while eating, you should keep your eyes on your own victuals.
  - 18 It shows an unthankful soul and is very ill breeding to laugh at table.
  - 19 Always keep the mouth shut while chewing your food.
  - 20 Never eat greedily like a hog nor take large mouthfuls.
  - 21 It is ill manners to drink out of a vessell which others are to drink out of, without first wiping the mouth or with victuals in the mouth
  - 22 It is ill manners to reach over the other side of the platter to get victuals when there is the same sort on your side.
  - 23 It is ill manners to take victuals from the platter and put directly into your mouth; always take them on your own plate first
  - 24 It is ill manners to turn over a piece of meat to look at both sides of it before you cut it.
  - 25 Always cut your meat square and equal, fat and lean.
  - 26 Always take an equal share of bone.
  - 27 Always pick your bones clean.
  - 28 Always break bread even crust and soft, and not handle that which you do not intend to eat yourself.
  - 29 Always eat some bread with your meat victuals.
  - 30 Always eat your victuals up clean and clean up your crumbs when done eating.
  - 31 Always cross your knife and fork on your plate when done eating (or lay them beside your plate.)
  - 32 When you use a vessell which has a handle always take hold of the handle and not grasp round the vessel.
  - 34 Never set down a vessel with the handle towards yourself; but turn it towards the head of the table or lengthwise of it.
  - 35 Never put your fingers or finger in your tea cup, when you take



it up to drink, but take round the outside of it, if your fingers are large enough to clasp it.

- 35 Never scratch your head at the table.
- 36 Never pick your nose at the table.
- 37 Never get your feet stretched out under the table in the way of others.
- 38 Never get your elbows on the table.
- 39 Always leave your bones & in a snug heap by the side of your plate
- 40 Never turn over a vessell of an kind, at the table as a token of wanting more; it is saucy.

#### MISCELLANEOUS RULES

1. It is ill manners to get on the hind part of a sleigh or waggon without the drivers liberty.
2. It is ill manners to gaze at strangers.
3. It is ill manners to throng windows or doors to look at people while passing in the street.
4. It is ill manners to look over your shoulder while you are passing along the street.
5. It is ill manners to examine chests cupboards or drawers that belong to others.
6. It is ill manners to read the writings of others without liberty.
7. It is ill manners to meddle with others things without liberty.
8. Always pull off your hat before you enter the house or the dwelling rooms of the house.
9. Never hang round in company where you are not wanted.
- 10 Never whisper in company, but if you need to speak anything to one of the company which it is not proper for the rest to hear ask them handsomely to step out.
- 11 Never laugh loud in company.
- 12 Never be pointing or winking hunching or any such thing in company
- 13 Never read aloud in company unless requested so to do.
- 14 Never be whistling, drumming with the hands or feet in company.
- 15 Never sit in a sprawling careless manner in company with you knees wide apart.

- 16 Never loch and lean on the chair of another.
- 17 Never tell long stories in company unless requested to.
- 18 Never mock or jeer in company.
- 19 Never make a great ado, if one or more of the company choose to smoke, but if you cannot bear it peacably withdraw.
- 20 In speaking of a person in company, never say he is the best, the wisest or the handsomest person I ever saw.
- 21 When you treat a company with drink or food always treat the elders of the company first, or if strangers are present give first to them.
- 22 When you ask a person how they do, always speak their name first (as Brother Rufus, how do you do; NOT how do you do, Brother Rufus)
- 23 It is proper among grown people to address strangers first, when at home, otherwise wait for them to speak. Children should always wait to be spoken to.
- 24 Children should always be silent when in company with those who are older.
- 25 Never stand upon the sides of your feet, it runs down your shoes or boots.
- 26 Never be wiggling or twisting about while standing either in meeting or otherwise.
- 27 Never allow yourself to gape or Yawn in meeting.
- 28 Never be at play in meeting.
- 29 Shut your eyes when you kneel in prayer.
- 30 Never be gazing about while in meeting; but keep your sense on your duty and strive to praise and worship God.
- 31 Never go scuffing along when you step; but lift your feet and step squarely and properly.
- 32 Never call nicknames.
- 33 Never knock off anothers hat.
- 34 Never pick the pockets of others.
- 35 Never play with fire or lights.
- 36 Never bite apples that you do not intend to eat.
- 37 Never handle victuals that you do not intend to eat.

- 38 Never break out the soft part of bread and leave the crust.
- 39 Always cut off the crust end of a piece of pie when cutting from a large piece.
- 40 Always cut the butter squarely and not gouge the cake full of holes.
- 41 Never open a door and look into a room, and go out without saying a word, it is saucy.
- 42 Never gaze at strangers.
- 43 Never be at play when reproved for a fault.
- 44 Never store rubbish of any kind, as nails, billets of wood etc in your cupboards in the dwelling room or shops.
- 45 never unnecessarily get upon the floor.
- 46 Never lay grease on chairs or benches whereon you are going to sit down.
- 47 Never take a seat from under another when he goes to sit down.
- 48 Never loll and lean against the walls of cieled rooms.
- 49 Never scratch any part of the body not commonly seen in company.
- 50 When in Company with superiors, speak not, unless spoken to.
- 51 Never wear your hat upon one side of your head.
- 52 Never run about out of doors bareheaded.
- 53 Never throw your hat upon the floor; but hang them decently in their places.
- 54 Always have a place for everything and keep every thing in its place.

PRAYERS

A MORNING PRAYER

O heavenly father help us today to be good children, and to do what is right; keep us from wicked tho'ts and bad tempers, and help us to learn all we are taught. Keep us in health all the day.

2nd.

O Heavenly Father, we thank thee for thy care of us thro' the night. We thank thee for our food and clothing for our good home and kind friends who take care of us. Help us to be obedient and tell the truth at all times.

3rd.

O Holy God, Help us this day to love and obey thee. Help us to learn all that we are taught. Help us to be sorry of all our sins, great and small; and to ~~we~~ honestly confess and repent of them.

4th

Help us O Lord to live each day as we would be willing to die. And ~~we~~ help us to love and fear thee.

5th

Keep us from wicked tho'ts O Heavenly Father, and help us to see and know ourselves as we are seen and known of thee in thy people.

ORDERS AND MANNERS

in short sentences for

LITTLE FOLKS

1. Never tell a lie.
2. Never try to make others believe what is not true.
3. never contradict.
- 4 never do wrong when out of sight.
5. Never quarrel.
6. Never call hard names.
7. Never dispute your superiors.
8. Never say I won't, I will etc.
9. Never gaze people in the face.
- 10 Always look at a person when they speak to you.

- 11 Never be at play when you are reproved.
- 12 Always stand up erect in meeting.
- 13 Always sit erect at the table.
- 14 Never cut or mark on furniture.
- 15 Never scrape you shoes on the stove hearth.
- 16 Never get on your knees to tie you shoes or to play.
- 17 Never kneel down to make a fire.
- 18 Always keep your shoes tied up when you have them on.
- 19 Always untie your shoes before you pull them off.
- 20 Never go slip shod.
- 21 Never run about in your footing feet.
- 22 Never play with fire or lights.
- 23 Never carry open lights into closets.
- 24 Never throw your clothes on the floor.
- 25 Never play with hats or handkerchiefs.
- 26 Never bite your handkerchiefs.
- 27 Never rub your dirty hands on your clothes.
- 28 Never wipe your nose on your sleeve or back of your hand
- 29 Never carry rubbish in your pockets.
- 31 Never blow your nose at table.
- 32 Never spit at table.
- 32 Never scratch your head at table.
- 33 Never be snuffing at the table.
- 34 Never laugh at table.
- 35 Never play at table.
- 36 Never talk or whisper at table unless necessary.
- 37 Never pick your teeth at table.
- 38 Always wipe your mouth before you drink at table.
- 39 Never slamb doors hard.

- 40 Always go up and down stairs still.

#### SCHOOL

##### ORDERS AND REGULATIONS

1. Every schollar shall wash his hands and face clean, before coming to school; and be sure his wrists.
2. No schollar shall come to school with ragged or dirty clothes.
3. No schollar should wear long hair or nails.
4. As a general rule schollars under the age of sixteen should not wear neck handkerchiefs.
5. no schollar shall play by the way, either coming to, or going from school.
7. No schollar should make any loud noises, or have loud laughing on the way to, or from school.
8. All schollars who are by any means hindered, so they cannot get to school at the proper time, must come and report themselves to the teacher, stating the cause of delay.

##### ORDERS OF THE HOUSE

1. All shall clean their feet before they enter the outside door.
2. All must hang up their hats in the entry, and never in any case throw them upon the floor.
3. All must shut the outside door, who find it open, or are the last to enter.
4. No loud talking or laughing in the school room either before or after school begins.
5. No scuffling or trying of strength allowed in this house.
6. No play allowed in school.
7. no one shall have any snatching of any article in school.
8. No schollar shall tell the orders or transactions of a spiritual kind of the family where he lives, to other families or orders of the same family.
9. There shall be no trading or giving of gifts without the teachers liberty.
- 10 No schollar shall speak or whisper to another in school time without the teacher's liberty.
- 11 No schollar shall leave his seat without the teachers liberty except to go out.

- 12 No schollar is allowed to go out more than once in a half a day without the teachers liberty.
- 13 Not more than one schollar shall be allowed to go out at once except by liberty from the teacher.
14. No schollar shall be allowed to call upon the teacher in school time without first raising his hand.
- 15 No schollar is allowed to carry away any of their books, slates or any other of the school articles without the teachers liberty.
- 16 No schollar shall go to the garret or lower rooms of this building during the time of school without the teachers liberty.
- 17 All schollars should bring their pocket handkerchiefs to school.

MOTTOES FOR SCHOOL

1. Order is Heavens first law.
2. No order no God.
3. Disorder is hell's high way.
4. Never desire that knowledge or that art, which will not guide the life or mend the heart.
5. No after diligence can make amends for misspent time.
6. The moments past never return.
7. What can be done with care, perform today.
8. Untho't of danger will attend delay.
8. Let simple truth forever be your guide.  
And satan's ills shall never you betide.
9. Idleness is the Parent of vice and misery.
- 10 A guilty conscience needs no accusers.
- 11 No gains without pains.
- 12 Perseverance is the parent of success.
- 13 I cant, is a friend only to those who love to indulge in ignorance and folly.
14. An idle brain is the devil's workshop.

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*Vincent Newton.*