

## For Mothers of Girls Only!<sup>1</sup>

Sometimes there are things that happen that could be so easily avoided if the parents would have acquired the wisdom to deal with things when they first "dawned." It seems like many things would just be common sense and not even need to be mentioned, but it is amazing how many times parents, especially mothers, were just ignorant of the whole situation, oblivious to many clear warnings.

I am speaking specifically about little girls now. Since all mothers were little girls at one time themselves, they should remember what it was like. You must remember how old you were when you first fell in love. You must remember that the person you fell in love with could have been any one from the boy next door who was three years younger than you, to your forty-year-old school teacher. It is **unpredictable** upon whom a young girls affections will light. But it is **observable**. *You can see it, if you watch.* But the problem is that most mothers are caught unaware. They have no idea that their little girl is in love. They just think the girl is so young, and they do not detect the turning of their affections.

But it is so dangerous. Maybe these days makes it even more dangerous than ever before. It seems that there is a specially strong sexual spirit alive in humans at this time. Our children are not excluded from this. In the world, because of all the sexual stimulation of young children, little girls are even starting their periods two to three years younger than they did fifty years ago. The average age for a girl now to start her period in the US is ten to eleven years old. The studies that were done about the subject say that this change is due to increased sexual stimulation. For in Africa, where certain tribes use their little girls for their sexual rituals, those girls start their periods at about eight years old.

Of course our girls will not suffer with this. It seems that for the most part our girls start much later than the American average (from what I have heard anyway). But the point is that what is introduced to a young girl can cause her to mature too rapidly. Certainly an eight-year-

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old is not emotionally mature enough to raise a child, but her periods starting should signal her preparedness for marriage. We must shield and keep our girls from prematurely maturing.

Since I have often ended up caring for wayward boys I have learned a little bit about their downfalls. The stories they told me from the agony of their souls always began way back when they were put into bed with little girls, or put into some situation where they had unsupervised activities with girls. They got a bad conscience from that and began a trail of trouble after that. One boy at thirteen years old was allowed to sleep with the eight-year-old daughter of a family he was staying with. Another boy at twelve was allowed to sleep in a tent often with a girl three years younger than he. They often ended up playing around, wrestling — even right in front of the parents. The parents of the girl had no idea what was being stirred up inside the boy. He could not control it.

There are many situations I could cite. But it is clear that little girls excite boys at quite a young age. They should never be allowed to wrestle with them (wrestling is a terrible activity for anyone anyway), or sit on their laps, or sleep in their beds. This seems obvious when you see it written like this — but so many situations have come up where it is quite convenient to use one of the responsible young boys to care for the children. So, they end up being responsible to take them to the toilet, give them baths, put them in bed, etc. The boys do not have bad motives in wanting to help. And the feelings that come over the boys are usually a surprise to them at first. But later they began to like it. Then they will surely fall. It starts at a very young age.

Let us guard our boys to keep them from falling. Let us watch over our girls, remembering that their young hearts can easily be drawn in the wrong direction. Let us not be blind to their attractions. But do not be weird about it, just re-direct them!