



CONCLUSION

Will we obey God or man? In **I John 5:3**, God says His commandments are not grievous, *“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.”* In **Matthew 22:37** we are told to love God with all our hearts, soul, and mind. Amen.



Quote: “A Finish study of 2,568 children found that children in Day Care centers accounted for 85% of the pneumonia cases in one year olds.”



Quote: “In one study, children in Day Care had a 50% higher chance of repeated ear infections.”



Quote: “Even with antibiotics for short-term situations, children in Day Care are at nearly 100% greater risk for contracting life threatening diseases. They are four and a half times more likely to contract infections and nearly three times as likely to need hospitalization.”



Quote: “Depression is a common response to separation. A study in 2003 by an Australian Babies Physician, Howard Chilton, showed how monkeys became distressed when separated from their mothers. . . when reunited, the babies became extremely clingy. If their mother looks like she might leave, they throw a tantrum and became angry and agitated. Months later they are still anxious, will not explore like the other monkeys, seem depressed, and are timid about changes in their cages.”



“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” **Isaiah 5:20**

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"hath appeared to all men." Titus 2:11

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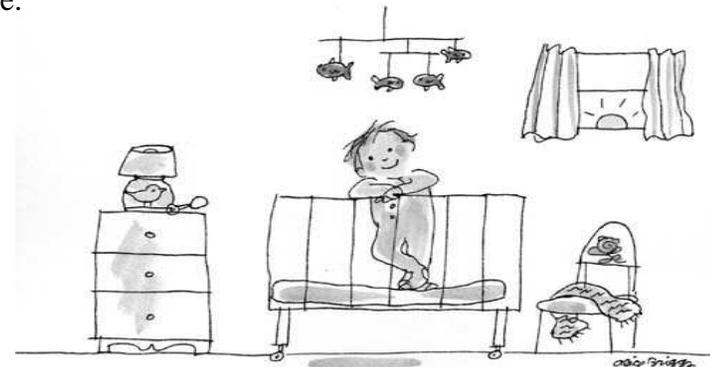
Day Care

“But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children”

I Thessalonians 2:7

+ Institutional Care +

Day Care has become very popular as well as traditional in our nation the last thirty years. It has become the norm in our society and seems to be here to stay. Even the United States President, in 2009, encouraged mothers to return to school with the promise of financial aid. Day Care is a fast growing industry that has run amuck and is plagued with many problems. God has much to say about the care of children in His Holy Word. It is the responsibility of parents to provide care and training for their children in the home.



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*“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”*
Acts 16:31

This article will discuss three concerns with Day Care. We will examine this subject from a Biblical perspective and not consider the world's philosophy or opinion.



The Big Business of Day Care

Day Care is the fastest growing industry in America. In 1960 there were one hundred fifty thousand Day Care facilities, today there are over two million. About sixty-three percent of young children in the United States are in a child care facility, that is three out of five young children. This amounts to less than one half of families with young children who have a parent staying home.

The following are various quotes from different authors on the issue of Day Care: "In twenty-five years, the number of moms in the workforce has nearly doubled. An estimated twelve million American infants, toddlers, and pre-schoolers—more than half of the children in this age group attend Day Care. The majority of these kids spend close to forty hours per week in Day Care; many start when they are only weeks old."

According to studies, two-thirds of all American women are working by the time their first child is a year old, compared to only seventeen percent four decades ago. Between 1975—1993, the percentage of children under age six with employed mothers rose from thirty-three percent to fifty-five percent, and by the year 2000 it was seventy percent. Working mothers now bring home half or more of the income. The point I am trying to get across is that the Day Care industry is big business because more and more mothers are entering the work place and leaving their children in the care of someone else. As long as women pursue careers outside the home, there is going to be child care service provided.



The Trouble with Day Care

There are many problems with institutional child care, but the biggest is that they are unscriptural. Day Care facilities are harmful to children. This social experiment is failing and needs to be abandoned. There is a long list of problems. I will list a few: bad behavior, little or no discipline, cost, abuse (physical and sexual), under staffed, negative influences, all kinds of sicknesses, etc.

Many studies have been done over the last thirty years. Even recent studies (independent and government) show that the more time a child spends in Day Care of any kind or quality the more aggressive the child becomes. There is more rudeness, cruelty, disobedience, fighting,

temper tantrums, etc. This behavior carries on with the child into Elementary School and beyond. In other words, the more time spent in Day Care, the worse they become. Day Care workers cannot discipline the children in the manner the parents can, nor spend quality time with each child. The cost also brings a burden on many parents which can range from three thousand dollars to ten thousand dollars per child. I am basing these figures on the national average. There also has been many abuse cases from Day Care workers across our land. I am sure that most workers are good people, but still, this is a chance parents must take when they place their children in one of these facilities. Most Day Care facilities have televisions which are not good for anyone, much less for a child to sit in front of all day.

The health of the child must also be a consideration. Well-published studies have shown babies and toddlers in Day Care get sick more often than those cared for by their mother at home. Day Care facilities are germ factories. There are higher risks of colds, childhood diseases, infections, lice, pink-eye, influenza, diarrhea, etc. The list goes on and on with the many sickness-related problems. Mental disorders are another major problem with children in Day Care such as anxiety, depression, ADD, Autism, and Bipolar, to name a few. The Surgeon General, in 2001, issued a report declaring that the United States is facing a major "public crisis in mental care for children and adolescents." There is one out of ten that suffer from a serious emotional disturbance. Doctors are seeing record numbers of children for various problems. Depression is a common problem because of separation anxiety the child experiences being separated from the mother. Even studies in animals show it is not healthy to separate the mother from her baby.



The Solution for Day Care

The solution is simple: parents need to keep their children out of Day Care facilities and mothers need to stay home with them. This is not only good and healthy, but it is also Scriptural. The man is to be the provider and the woman is to be a keeper at home (**Titus 2:4-5; I Timothy 2:9-15; 5:14; Proverbs 31:10-31**). Quality and quantity time is important for the mother-child bonding. In Day Care, depending upon the amount of time spent, babies and toddlers become less attached to their mothers and more attached to their Day Care caregiver. It does not take a village to raise a child, but a father and mother. Strangers cannot love your child as you do. My question to any mother is, "How could you walk off daily from your child?"